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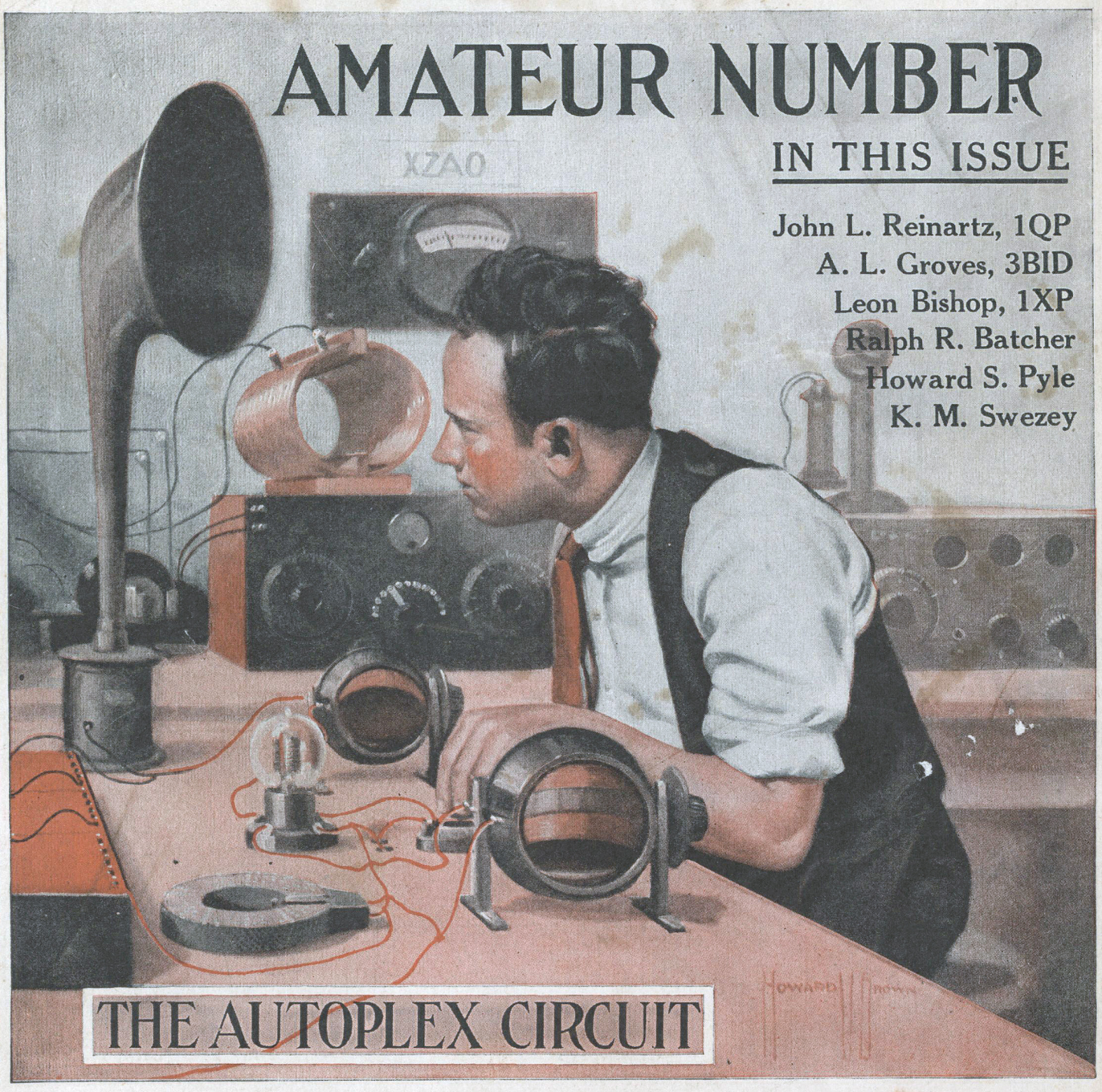

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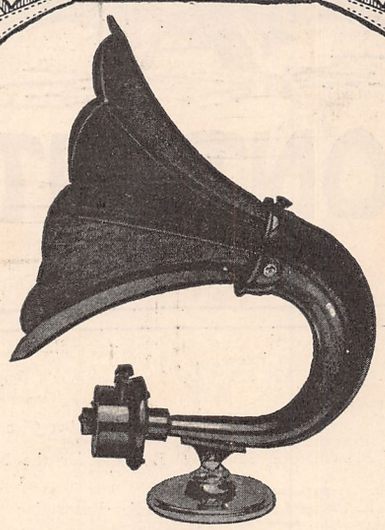

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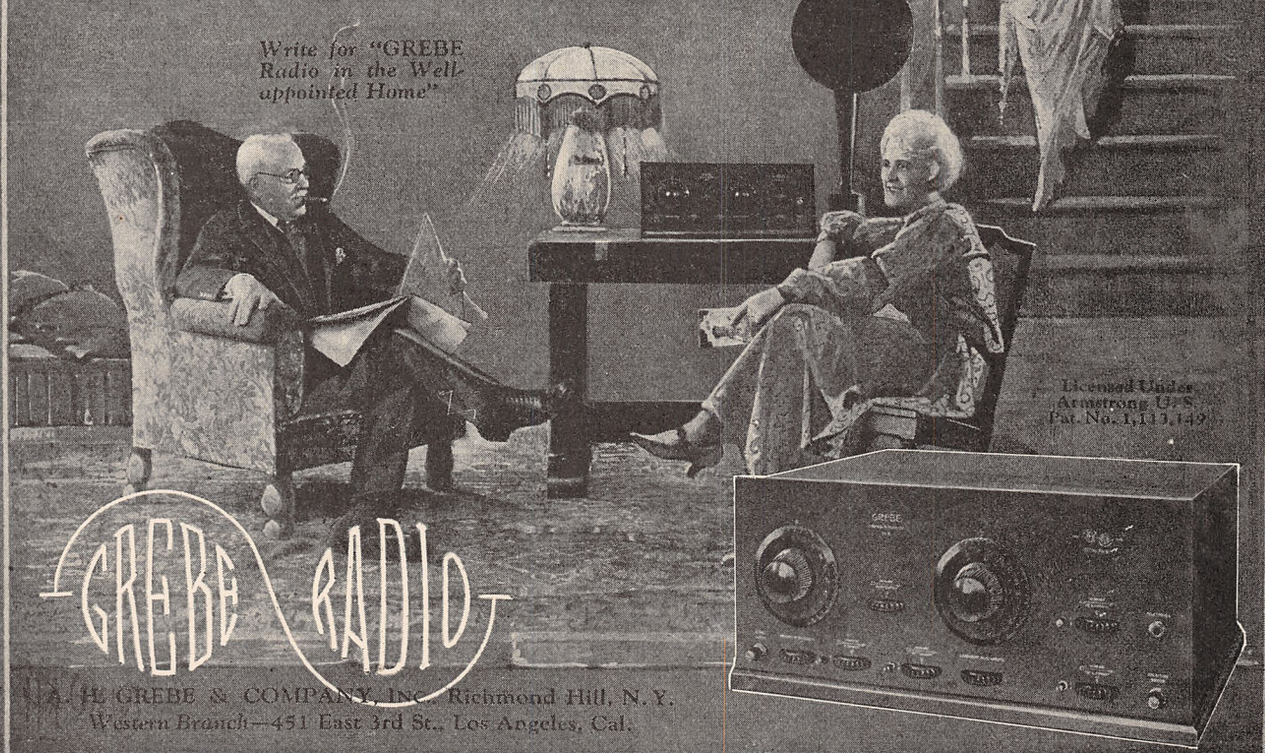

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I won't say that I was satisfied with this salary—although it was more than the other clerks were getting—but the fact that the President had confidence in me gave me a certain standing among the others which kept me fairly contented.

Then one day, having a little extra money on hand, I bought a small radio receiving set. Several of my chums had radio outfits and I had always wanted one in order to enjoy the broadcast programs in the evenings at home. There was ordinarily nothing unusual about this, yet that little radio set changed my whole slant on life and opened up my future overnight.

I didn't know a thing about radio, but I soon got onto the tricks of operating a receiving set and rapidly became a real "fan." But much to my surprise, I got more fun out of the mechanical operation of my set than I did from the music, speeches, reports and regular programs of the nearby stations.

Then I began to take my set apart, reassemble it and experiment. I rigged up an outdoor aerial and installed a tube set. Then I bought a loud speaker and gradually added part by part until I had a first class outfit with a wave-length capable of "picking up" the programs from distant stations.

Naturally, I didn't stop there. Several of my friends had "sending" sets and I wanted nothing less. I began to study the code and longed for the day when I could get a license and have a "call letter" of my own. My routine, humdrum work at the office began to lose its appeal. I could hardly wait until evening came so that I could get home to the "work" I actually enjoyed.

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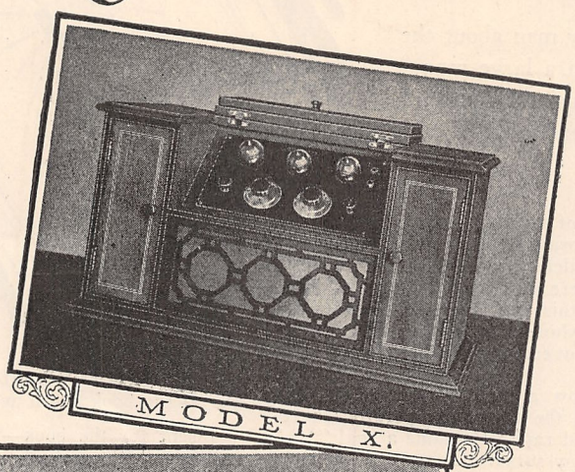

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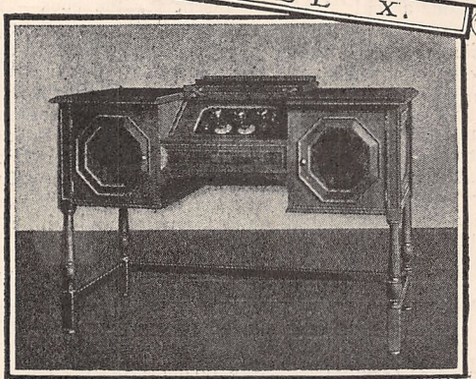

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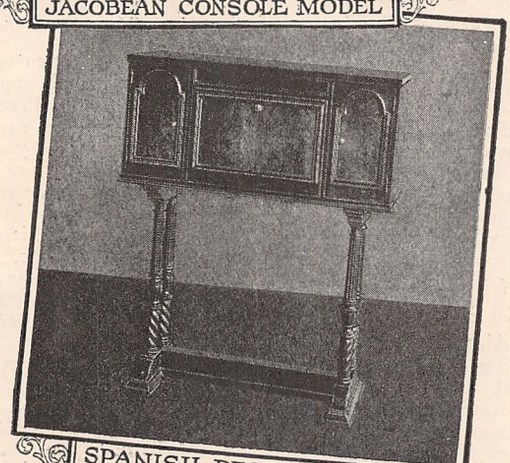

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These models are complete and self-contained. They operate on dry battery tubes for which internal space is provided, although any standard tubes—including storage battery type—may be used. Two stages of audio amplification—built-in loud speaker with unusually clear and distortionless qualities of reproduction. Highly polished Formica control panels. Gold-plated metal trimmings on front—including dials. Respond to all broadcasting wave-lengths. Each complete with three dry-battery tubes, all dry batteries and Kennedy 3000-ohm phones with plug, for individual reception.

Kennedy Model X. Beautiful hand rubbed Mahogany cabinet with inlay of Satin Wood and Ebony. The tracery, in delicate contrast with background, is suggestive of the marquetry workers of King William's time. Price, complete.....$285.00

Kennedy Jacobean Console Model. Exemplifies the late Jacobean design. Built of American Walnut with artistically matched paneling, which contributes the rich subdued effect almost always associated with true elegance. Price, complete.....$775.00

Kennedy Spanish Desk Model. An adaptation of the Spanish with a free intermingling of the effects of the Moorish influence. This is particularly in evidence in the panel. Cabinet finished either in Mahogany or American Walnut. Interior lined completely with Golden Bird's-eye Maple. Price, complete....$825.00

KENNEDY

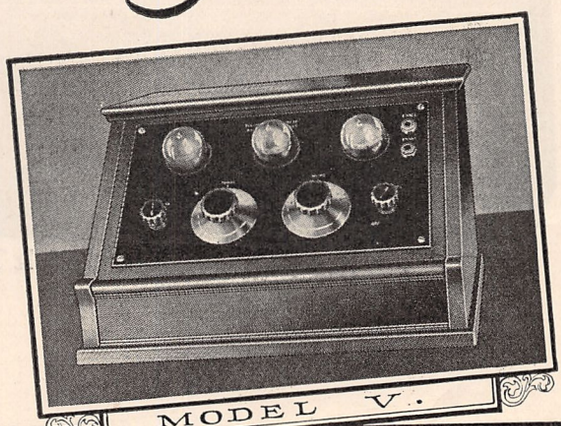
The Royalty of Radio

the Kennedy Line

A New Popular-Priced Model, Head Phones and Loud Speaker

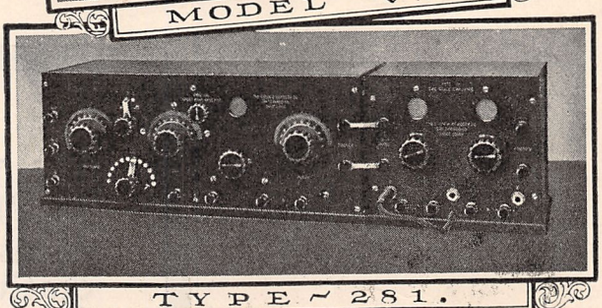
The apparatus shown on this page is of the same high character as the more elaborate Furniture Models. The sets were designed to fill the demand for high quality at a popular price, and, with the wonderfully improved head phones and separate loud speaker unit, they provide Kennedy apparatus for every home.

Kennedy Model V. Incorporates the new Kennedy receiver and two-stage amplifier at moderate cost. Same type of radio unit as higher priced Furniture Models, but without loud speaker. Highly polished Formica control panel. German silver dials. Space for batteries. All dry batteries, three dry-battery tubes and Kennedy phones with plug, complete..$125.00
Receiver only, without phones, tubes or batteries....$ 86.50



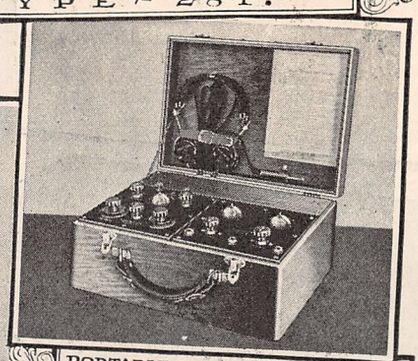
MODEL V.

Kennedy Type-281. One of the sets that has won recognition for the Kennedy line. An extremely selective three-circuit receiver. Solid Mahogany cabinet. Brilliantly polished Formica control panel, black etched dials, heavily nickel-plated metal parts. Wave-length range 175 to 900 meters. Designed for 6-volt tubes but can be used with dry-battery tubes as well.
Receiver only.....$ 90.00
Receiver and two-stage audio amplifier.....$145.00



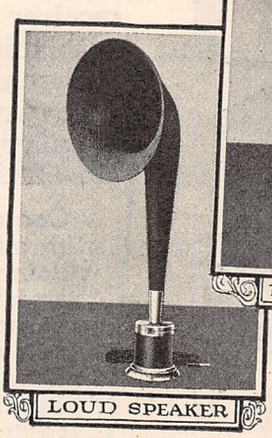
TYPE-281.

Kennedy Type-311, 522 Portable. Neat, compact, portable. Easily tuned—highly selective and efficient. Designed for all standard tubes, including dry-battery type. Detector and two stages of audio amplification. Wave-length range 150 to 600 meters. Complete with three dry-battery tubes, all dry batteries and Kennedy phones, with plug.....$137.50



PORTABLE COMBINATION SET

Kennedy Loud Speaker. The same as used in the new Kennedy Furniture Models. Remarkable fidelity of reproduction with total absence of unpleasant distortion. No separate batteries required. Price, complete with 6 ft. cord..$30.00



LOUD SPEAKER

Kennedy Head Phones. Perfection in mechanical and electrical design results in unusual volume with rich tonal purity. No rattle or blare. Extremely sensitive on weak and distant signals. Light and snug fitting. Resistance 3000 ohms.
Price per set, with 6 ft. cord.....$9.00

PHONES

See the new sets and parts at the nearest Kennedy dealer or write us direct for literature. State type of set in which you are interested.

DEALERS Write or wire for exclusive Kennedy proposition.

THE COLIN B. KENNEDY COMPANY
SAINT LOUIS SAN FRANCISCO

All Kennedy receiving sets are regenerative—Licensed under Armstrong U. S. Patent No. 1,113,149.

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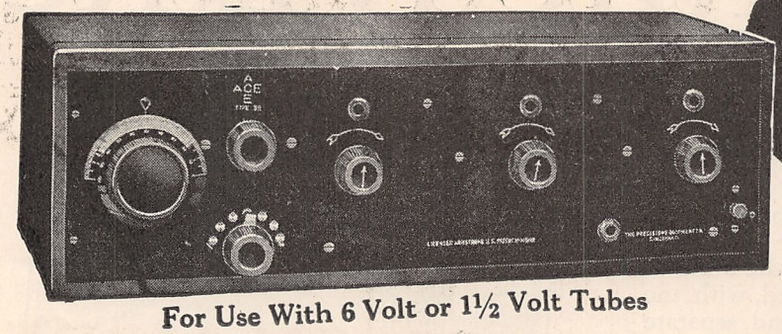
KENNEDY

THE NEW ACE

Three Tube Regenerative Receiver

Manufactured under Armstrong U. S. Patent No. 1,113,149



For Use With 6 Volt or 1½ Volt Tubes

3B

ONLY

$50.00

This New Ace Type 3B Armstrong Regenerative Radio Receiver combines detector and two stages of Audio frequency amplification. The lowest priced quality receiver ever offered. When you tune in with this set distant stations come in as though they were only a few miles off. The two stages make the use of a loud speaker possible—this is a desirable feature. Its efficiency has passed every test.

One of the few sets that functions perfectly with all makes of tubes. A filament switch eliminates necessity of turning out the rheostats when set is not in use. With this switch you can turn off set and come back later to same concert without retuning. The telephone jack makes it possible to use head phones. When head phone plug is inserted it automatically eliminates loud speaker, but does not affect the filament current. Has genuine mahogany cabinet with beautifully engraved panel.

If your dealer cannot supply you, order direct, mentioning his name. Ask for "Simplicity of Radio" your copy is FREE.

DEALERS: write on your letterhead for attractive sales proposition.

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Powel Crosley Jr. PRES.

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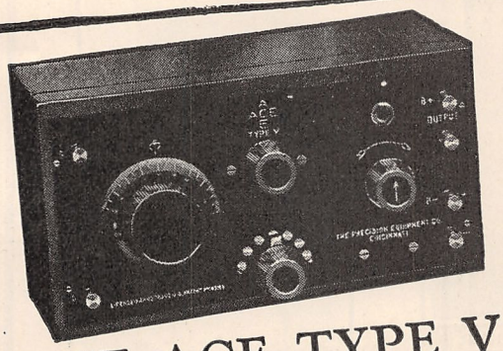


THE ACE TYPE V

Armstrong Regenerative Receiver

Manufactured under Armstrong U. S. Pat. No. 1,113,149

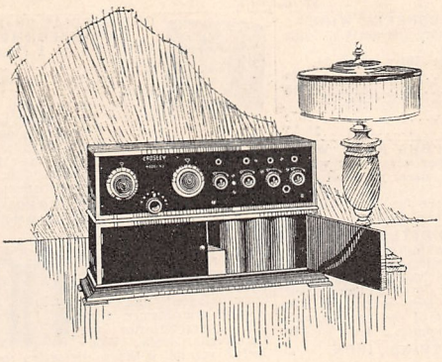
The low cost of this set together with its efficiency and simplicity makes the great demand for it increase daily.

A long range receiver. Stations from coast to coast can be heard distinctly. An Ace Two-step Amplifier in connection with this set at $20 makes use of loud speaker practical. Has Crosley Multistat, which permits use of any make tube.

$20

Abroad at Home with a CROSLEY MODEL X-J

PRICE $65



CROSLEY MODEL XJ

A 4 tube radio frequency set, incorporating one stage of Tuned Radio Frequency Amplification, Detector and two stages of Audio Frequency Amplification, with jack to plug in on three tubes for head phones; new Crosley multistats, universal rheostats for all makes of tubes; new condenser with molded plates; filament switch and other refinements of details. A mahogany battery cabinet which makes the set completely self containing may also be had to fit the Model XJ at a cost of only $16. See illustration above.

See this beautiful receiver at your dealers.

Wonderful opera from New York, love songs from the tropics, dance music from Chicago; stock quotations, stirring speeches, amusing stories from where you will—all these pleasures and utilities are brought truly, clearly, right to your fireside if you own a Crosley Model XJ Radio Receiver.

This beautiful new Crosley 4 tube Model contains the same units as the famous Crosley Model X, with added refinements of detail which make it even better. At bringing in distant stations, the Model X established many records during the past year. Sebring, Fla., continually heard Honolulu. A man writes from Nassau, British West Indies, *"First of all on Friday night, June* 29, 1923, *I heard Honolulu."* He goes on to relate that practically all stations in the United States were brought in clear as a bell.

With the Crosley Model X-J even better receptions are assured. We unhesitatingly claim that it is the best radio receiver ever offered, regardless of price.

For Sale By Good Dealers Everywhere

Write for free catalog which shows the complete Crosley line of instruments and parts. In it you will find just the receiver to suit your needs, and pocketbook. Crosley Receivers without batteries, tubes and head phones range in price from the efficient 2 *tube Model VI at* $28 to the beautiful *Console Model at* $150.

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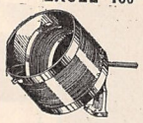
BUILD YOUR SET BETTER--AT LOWER COST

BUILD YOUR SET WITH BARAWIK STANDARD RADIO GOODS

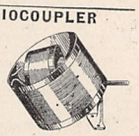
EXCEL 180° VARIOCOUPLER



D520 .....$1.79

Properly designed and well made. Green silk windings yellow genuine bakelite tubes. Primary has taps every 7 turns and last 6 turns tapped every turn. Cast aluminum support with panel mounting screw. ¼ inch shaft. Produces best results in any type circuit for 175 to 625 meters.

SUPER 180° VARIOCOUPLER

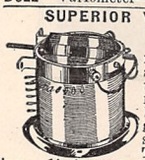


D521 Each.....98c

A wonderful value, produces excellent results. Green silk windings on black fibre tubes. Rigid mounting support for table or panel mounting. Primary tapped for fine tuning. ¼ inch shaft. Range 200 to 600 meters.

D522 Variometer—same style. Each. 98c

SUPERIOR VARIOCOUPLER



D523 Each.....$3.15

A handsome instrument of superior design and construction. Stator tube and rotor ball of moulded red brown bakelite. Large size green silk windings insure highest efficiency. Table or panel mounting. ¼ inch shaft. Superior results in circuits for 180 to 650 meters. Tapped primary for finest tuning. Noiseless contacts.

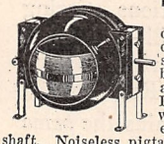
D526 Special single circuit type...$3.60

SUPER MOULDED VARIOMETER

D412 Each.....$2.60

Polished black moulded rotor and stator forms. Maximum inductance with greatest efficiency and minimum distributed capacity. A high grade instrument that will get the best results. Wave length 180 to 600 meters.

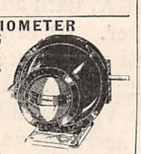
EXCEL MOULDED VARIOMETER



D524 Each.....$3.68

A wonderful value at our price. Properly designed and constructed. Polished black bakelite rotor and stator forms. Large size green silk wire insures greatest efficiency. ¼ inch shaft. Noiseless pigtail connection. Table or panel mounting.

SUPERIOR VARIOMETER



D525 Each.....$4.45

Forms moulded of red brown bakelite. A neat handsome instrument. Green silk windings calculated for highest efficiency. ¼ inch shaft. Noiseless pigtail connections. Table or panel mounting. Produces superior results in any type circuit 180 to 650 meters.

RADIO INDUCTANCE COILS

Carefully made — fine looking coils. Highest efficiency. Low distributed capacity effect, low resistance — high self inductance. Very firm impregnation. Range given is in meters when used with .001 variable condenser. Mounted coils have standard plug mountings.

Turns	Range	Art No.	Not Mntd.	Art No.	Price Mntd.
25	120- 250	D301	$0.39	D320	$0.85
35	175- 450	D302	.42	D322	.95
50	240- 720	D303	.49	D323	1.02
75	390- 910	D304	.54	D324	1.08
100	500- 1450	D305	.58	D325	1.13
150	600- 2000	D306	.63	D326	1.17
200	900- 2500	D307	.72	D327	1.26
250	1200- 3500	D308	.78	D328	1.35
300	1500- 4500	D309	.82	D329	1.36
400	2000- 5000	D310	.97	D330	1.57
500	2800- 6100	D311	1.12	D331	1.63
600	4000-10000	D312	1.27	D332	1.78
750	5000-12000	D313	1.43	D333	1.93
1000	7900-15000	D314	1.70	D334	2.25
1250	9750-19500	D315	1.92	D335	2.45
1500	14500-26500	D316	2.18	D336	2.60

INDUCTANCE COIL MOUNTINGS

D340—3 Coil.
Ea. $3.40

D341—2 Coil.
Ea. 2.75

Sturdy, rigid durable construction. Made of polished black bakelite. Mount on front of panel.

BACK OF PANEL MOUNTING

Mounts back of panel, with knobs or dials on front of panel. Helps make a neat efficient set.

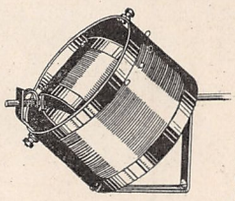
D342—3 coil Back of Panel Mounting $4.45

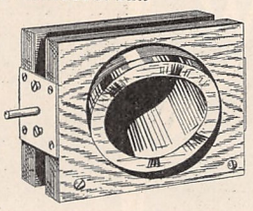
BRASS ROD

Supplied only in 8 inch lengths.

D961 Threaded 6-32, per 8 in. length. 6c
D963 Threaded 8-32, per 8 in. length. 8c
D965 Solid 3-16 in., per 8 in. length. 6c
D967 Solid ¼ in., per 8 in. length...9c

OUR SPECIAL VARIOMETER AND VARIOCOUPLER





Build into your set reliable instruments. You can depend on this variometer and variocoupler to give you the best results in any circuit working from 180 to 650 meters. In design and construction they are the best. Only the highest grade materials are used. The prices quoted save you 30 to 40 per cent. Why pay more?

D418 Variocoupler. Each.....$2.45

The most efficient type of coupler, insures better tuning and louder signals. Primary and secondary wound on natural uncolored genuine bakelite tubes. Handsome green silk windings. Primary tapped for fine tuning. Can be panel or table mounted. ¼ inch shaft.

D410 Variometer. Each.....$2.10

Perfect in design and construction. Accurate wood forms thoroughly seasoned. Correct inductive ratios. Solid baked windings. Plenty of large sized wire insures highest efficiency. A durable high grade instrument that will give you lasting service. ¼ inch shaft.

COIL MOUNTING PLUGS

Made of genuine bakelite.

D344 Plug for mounting "honeycomb" inductance coils 39c

D345 Stationary plug to fasten mounted coil stationary to panel 42c

D346 Movable plug to fasten mounted coil to panel so it can be rotated.....89c

D343 Fibre strip to hold coils for mounting. Two foot piece 15c

MAGNET WIRE

Insulated copper wire. Best quality even drawn wire, one piece to a spool. Prices quoted are for 8 oz. spools unless otherwise stated.

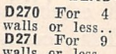
DoubleCotton Covered		Enameled Insulation		Green Silk Covered	
Number D990		Number D992		Number D991	
Gauge	Price	Gauge	Price	Gauge	Price
18	.43c	20	.39c	20	$0.78
20	.55c	22	.50c	22	.95
22	.70c	24	.55c	24	1.10
24	.80c	26	.60c	26	1.38
26	.90c	30	.65c	30 (4 oz.)	1.25
28	$1.05	32	.70c	32 (4 oz.)	1.65
30	1.45	36	.90c	36 (4 oz.)	2.20

ANTENNA INSULATORS

D260

D260 Size 1x3¼. Composition, metal eyelets. Two for 17c

D264 Size 1½x4. For medium size aerials. Two for 69c



D264-6

D266 Size 1½x10½. For large aerials. Two for $1.28

D263 Ribbed Porcelain Insulator. 2½ in. long. Ea. 6c Dozen 55c

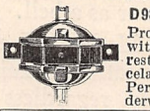
LEAD-IN INSULATORS

D270 For 4 inch walls or less.....42c

D271 For 9 inch walls or less.....69c

The only practical lead in insulator for aerial wires. Small, neat, effective, durable. Fits ⅝ inch hole. Securely locked by two adjustable nuts.

OUTDOOR LIGHTNING ARRESTER



D980 Price.....$1.55

Protect your instruments with this lightning arrester. Weatherproof porcelain case. Air gap type. Permanent. Durable. Underwriters approved.

HIGH-GRADE LIGHTNING ARRESTER

D981 Each 79c

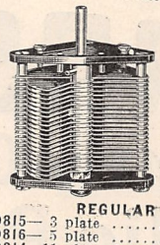
A dependable protector, always on guard. Small and compact. Weatherproof porcelain case. Easily fastened and connected. Underwriters approved.

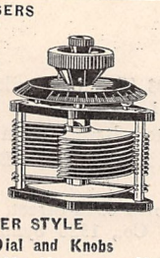
REINARTZ INDUCTANCE

D296 Each.....$1.15

Made of green silk covered wire, spider-web wound to produce greatest efficiency and lowest losses. 21 taps so arranged that crossing is avoided. Two fibre strips and wooden rod furnished permit various styles of mounting. With this coil a high grade set can be built at a low cost. Directions included

PANEL MOUNTING VARIABLE CONDENSERS





These are especially high grade condensers and we guarantee them to be mechanically and electrically perfect. Fine polished end plates of heavy bakelite. Shafts ¼ inch diameter. Sturdy, heavy aluminum alloy plates perfectly spaced to insure smooth, even, reliable capacity. Our low prices save you money. These condensers are of the very best make and are not to be compared with many inferior, cheap condensers offered. We guarantee them to please you or your money back. The vernier style has one separately controlled plate which permits of the finest tuning.

REGULAR STYLE

D815— 3 plate 65c
D816— 5 plate 97c
D814—11 plate .00025 mfd. $1.28
D813—21 plate .0005 mfd. 1.35
D812—43 plate .001 mfd. 1.58

VERNIER STYLE

Including Dial and Knobs

D825—14 plate .00025 mfd. $2.45
D824—26 plate .0005 mfd. 2.75
D826—46 plate .001 mfd. 3.15

SPIDER WEB COILS

D290— 25 turn. Each.....39c
D291— 35 turn. Each.....42c
D292— 50 turn. Each.....47c
D293— 75 turn. Each.....54c
D294—100 turn. Each.....59c

A new popular type of inductance of highest efficiency. Lowest distributed capacity and lowest high frequency resistance. Firm green silk windings with fibre mounting strips.

ULTRA AUDION COIL

D296 Each.....85c

Spider web wound of green silk covered wire. Four taps. Makes up a set that produces wonderful results. Fibre strips and wooden rod for mounting included. Directions furnished.

STRANDED ANTENNA WIRE

Cabled of fine copper strands. Very flexible. High tensile strength. Best for aerials.

D248—100 ft. coil 58c
D249—500 ft. coil $2.75

SOLID BARE COPPER WIRE

Solid bare copper wire for aerials, leads or wiring instruments.

Solid Bare Copper Wire, size 14.
D240—100 ft. coil 46c
D242—500 ft. coil $2.15

Solid Bare Copper Wire, size 12.
D244—100 ft. coil 67c
D245—500 ft. coil $3.05

TINNED COPPER "BUS BAR" WIRE

Size 14 tinned copper wire. For wiring sets. Best size for neat job and easy soldering.

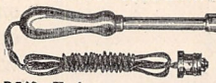
D957 Round. Ten feet for.....12c
D958 Square. Ten feet for.....14c

SPAGHETTI

For covering connecting wires in sets. For size 12 and 14 wires.

D955 Finest quality braided and saturated with best baked lustrous transparent insulating varnish, 3 feet for.....19c
D956 Best quality braid and covered with black insulating compound. 3 feet for..9c

RADIO SOLDERING IRON



D540 Each $1.50

Soldered connections in radio sets produce better results. This guaranteed iron is exactly right for radio work. A neat solid connection quickly and easily made. Operates on any lighting socket 100 to 120 volts. 6 ft. cord with attaching plug. Length 13 inches. Heats quickly, will not overheat.

Heavier irons for general repair or manufacturing work. Wonderful values at our prices.

D541 Medium size $3.48
D542 Larger size 4.25

AUTOMATIC BLOW TORCH

D543 Each $1.19

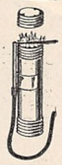
Burns denatured alcohol. Automatically generates pointed flame in a few seconds. Easy to solder joints in hard places. Lights with a match. Burns 90 minutes on one filling. 5½ inches high, ⅞ inch diameter cylinders. Works fine with Tinol listed above.

TINOL

D969 Per tube 19c

A combined solder and flux in handy form. Put a little on the connection, heat with a match, torch or solder iron and you have a neat electrically and mechanically perfect joint.

SUPER BLOW TORCH



D544 Each 39c

Burns denatured alcohol. Vest pocket size. Blowing on tube produces a hot pointed flame. Lights with a match. Works fast. Burns 10 minutes on one filling. Easy to solder joints in hard places. 3 in. high. ⅞ in. cylinder. Long rubber tube. Produces fine joints with Tinol listed above.

ENCLOSED VARIABLE CONDENSERS

One of the best made condensers. Rigid, accurately spaced aluminum plates. Formica ends. Engraved scale. Knob and pointer. Clear transparent case.

D806 43 plate .001 Mfd. $2.80

D808 21 plate .0005 Mfd. $2.45

OUR SPECIAL AUDIO FREQUENCY AMPLIFYING TRANSFORMERS

D550 Each $2.15

The result of years of research work and experienced engineering. In quality of tone and volume of sound, the things a transformer is built for, we guarantee it to equal or surpass any other transformer. Neat in appearance. Carefully made. Fully mounted with plainly marked binding post connections. 5 to 1 Ratio. Wonderful results on one, two or three steps without distortion or howling. A quality item in every respect. Not to be compared with articles built for price only.

OUR SPECIAL SHIELDED TRANSFORMER

D551—3½ to 1 Ratio Each $2.55

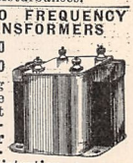
D552—6 to 1 Ratio. Each $2.75

The same high grade style of transformer as above enclosed in a metal case which completely shields it from any outside magnetic influences. Very attractive appearance and sturdy construction. Free from howling and local disturbances.

THORDARSON AUDIO FREQUENCY AMPLIFYING TRANSFORMERS

D232 Ratio 3½ to 1 $3.40

D233 Ratio 6 to 1. 3.80



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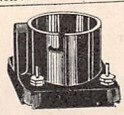

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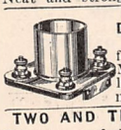

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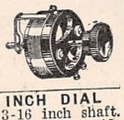
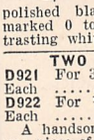


D124— 6 ohm. Ea...79c
D125—15 ohm. Ea...88c
D126—30 ohm. Ea...99c
Vernier adjustment at every degree of resistance. Pushing knob in turns off the filament.

THREE INCH DIAL



D923 For 3-16 inch shaft. Each 19c
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A handsome neat looking dial moulded in one piece of polished black composition. 180° scale marked 0 to 100 finely engraved in contrasting white enamel. Diameter 3 inches.

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A handsome dial moulded in one piece of polished black composition. 270° scale marked 0 to 100 finely engraved in contrasting white enamel. Fine for rheostat or switch control. Diam. 2 in.

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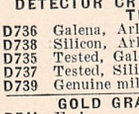

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D934—3 in. Diam. for ¼ in. shaft. Each...33c
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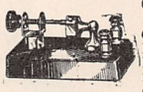

Easy fine adjustment. Crystal mounted in cup. Moulded base and knob. Brass parts polished nickel finish. An unequaled value.
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D167 Each 80c
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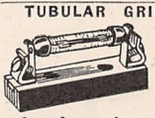
D173 CRL Variable grid leak. Each $1.19

TUBULAR GRID LEAKS AND CONDENSERS



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Capacities—.00025, .0001, .00025, .0005 mfd. Specify which size is wanted.
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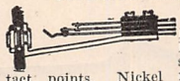

Finest grade jacks. Improved design. Best materials. Phosphor bronze springs. Silver contact points. Nickel finish. Mount on panels ⅛ to ⅜ in.
D390 Open circuit. Each.....38c
D391 Closed circuit. Each.....45c
D392 Two circuit. Each.....55c
D393 Single circuit filament cont.....59c
D394 Two circuit filament cont.....76c

COMPETITOR JACKS

D387 Open circuit. Each.....27c
D388 Two circuit. Each.....35c
Well made, durable, smooth working, nickel finished frame. Well insulated.

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D395 With set screws for fastening cord. Each ...35c
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Highest grade plugs. Fit any standard jacks. Polished round barrels.

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Brass polished nickel finish. All have ⅝ in. long size 6-32 screws and two nuts. All prices the same.
Dozen 18c Hundred $1.05
Order by Article Number.
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D362 Head, 3-16" diam.; ⅛" high
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Solder Lugs to Fit Contact Points
Also for connecting wires to binding posts, etc.
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SWITCH LEVER STOP

Brass polished nickel finish.
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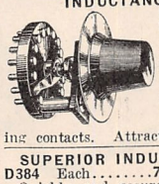
SWITCH LEVERS

Very neat polished black composition knob. Exposed metal parts polished nickel finish. Fitted with panel bushing and two set nuts. A high grade switch.
D381 1¼ in. Radius. Ea. 15c

INDUCTANCE SWITCH



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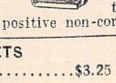
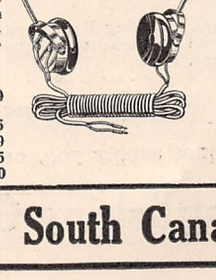


D198 Two for 28c
Clip onto storage battery terminals, lead coated. Make positive non-corrosive contact at all times.

BARAWIK QUALITY HEADSETS

D770 Per Set, 2000 ohms $3.25



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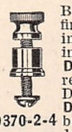

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D370 Large size—barrel and knob ¾" long. Dozen 85c
D372 Smaller size—barrel and knob 9-16" long. Dozen.....70c
D370-2-4 D376-8
D374 Large size with composition knob. Dozen 45c
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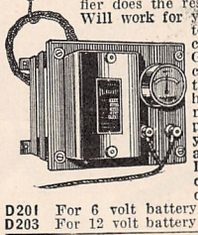

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6x10½	D451	.85	D461	1.27	D470	1.73
7x14	D458	1.38	D468	2.07	D478	2.76
7x18	D453	1.78	D463	2.65	D473	3.56
7x21	D457	2.05	D467	3.05	D477	5.10
7x24	D459	2.42	D469	3.56		
9x14	D454	1.85	D464	2.65	D474	3.56
12x14	D455	2.42	D465	3.56	D475	4.78
12x21	D456	3.62	D466	5.35	D476	7.13

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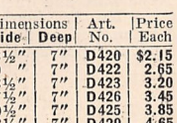

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7x14"	6½"	13½"	7"	D423	3.20
7x18"	6½"	17½"	7"	D426	3.45
7x21"	6½"	20½"	7"	D425	3.85
7x24"	6½"	23½"	7"	D429	4.65
9x14"	8½"	13½"	10"	D428	3.55
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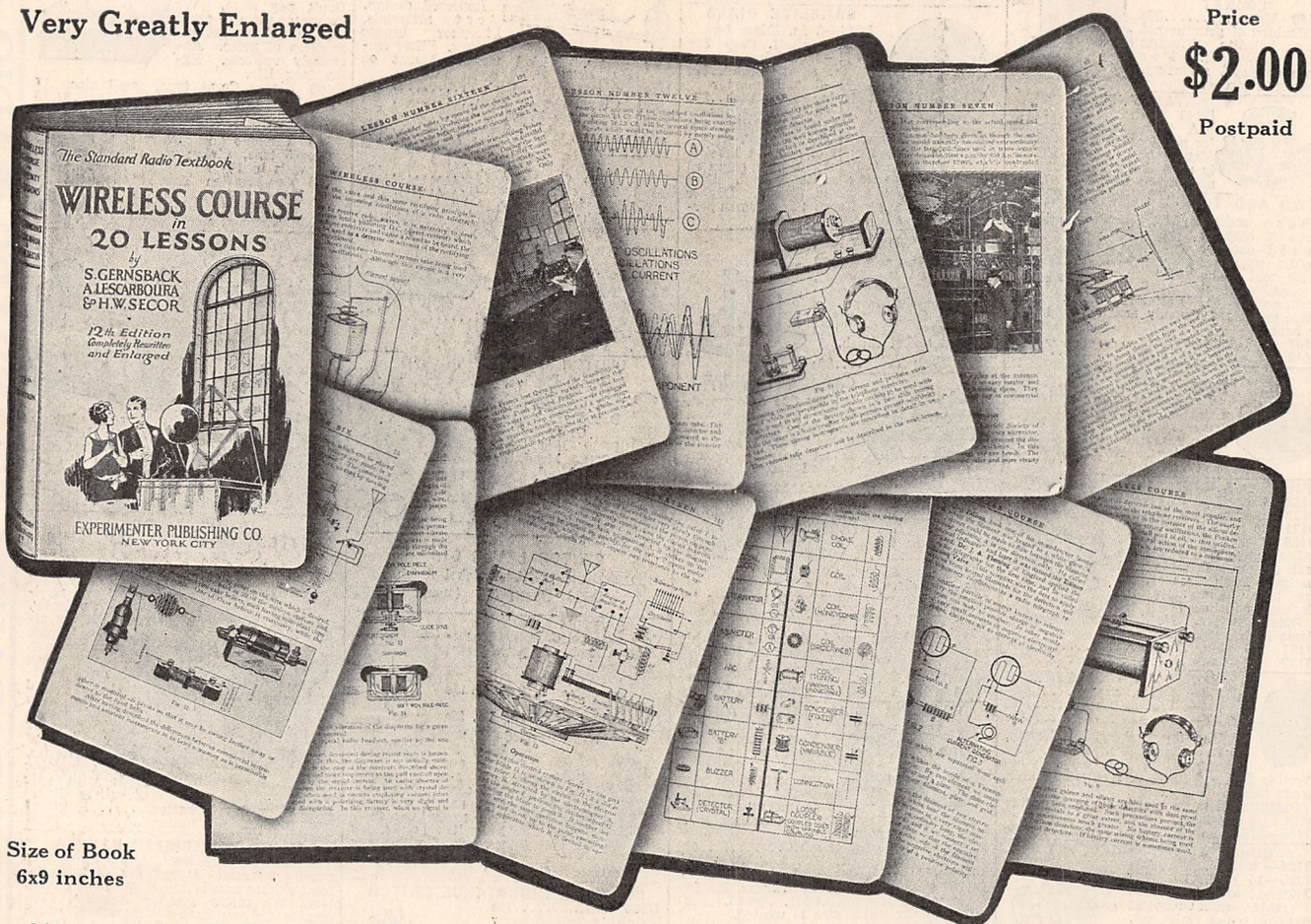

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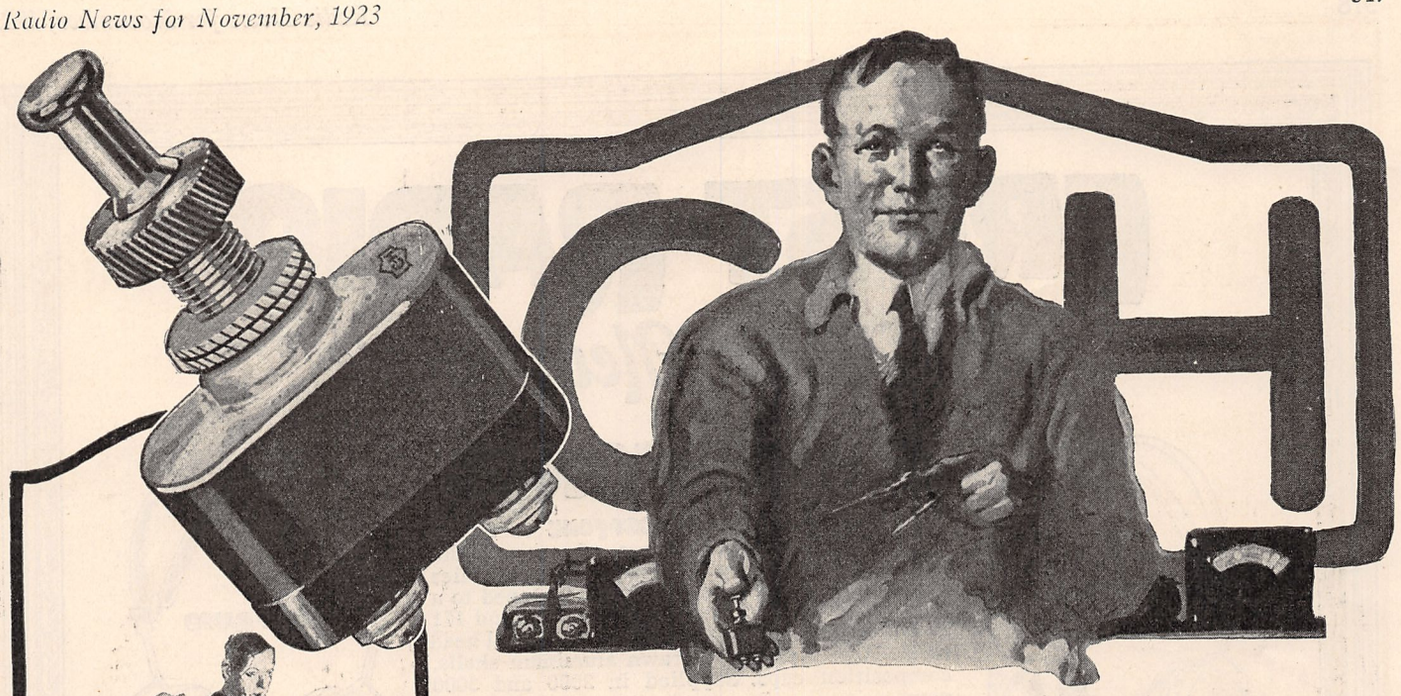

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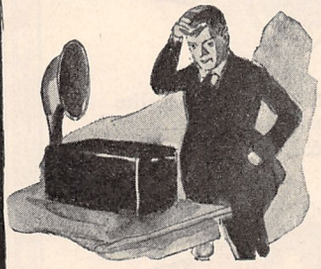

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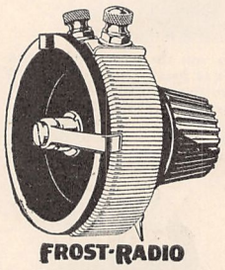

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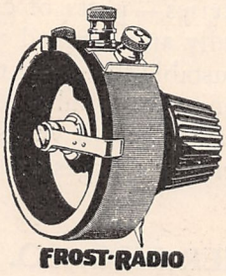

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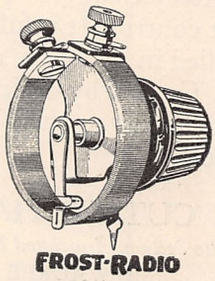

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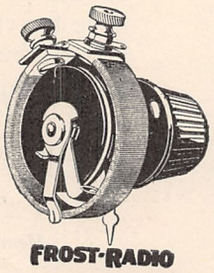

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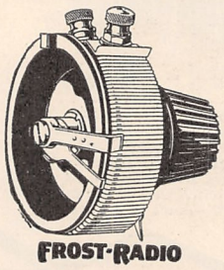

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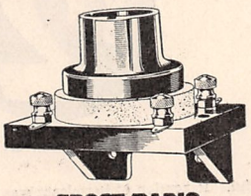

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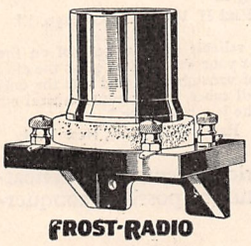

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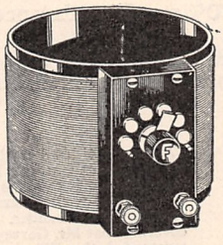

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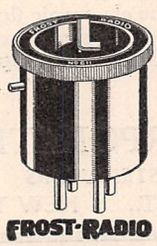

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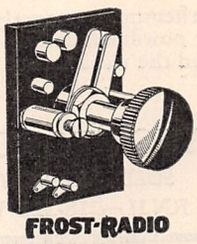

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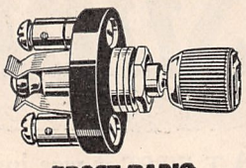

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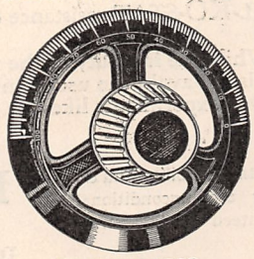

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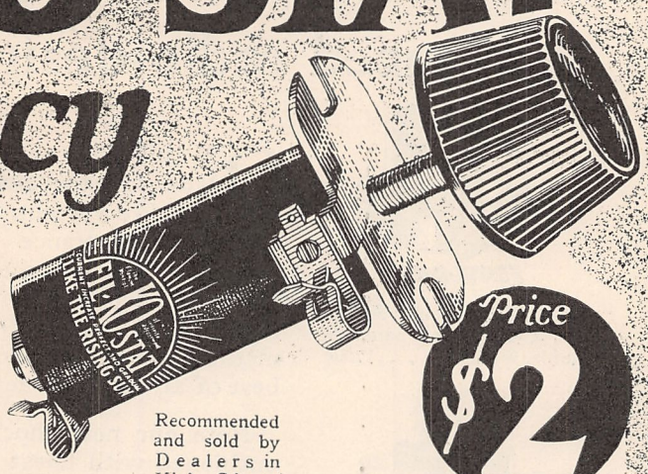

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Amateur Radio

THE word amateur in its relation to wireless—now Radio—was probably used first by the writer in his magazine—MODERN ELECTRICS—the pioneer radio publication—in the April, 1908 issue. At that time there existed practically no radio amateur, as we understand the term today, in America, and for that matter anywhere else in the world. At that time the radio amateur was an experimenter who either sent or received wireless code. In those early days, everyone who dabbled in wireless was an amateur. It mattered not if you had only a coherer set to receive the code with or whether you had a sending and receiving outfit capable of transmitting and receiving messages for one or two miles. Everyone who delved into wireless as a pastime with no intention of deriving profit from his hobby was an amateur.

During the past few years the status of the radio amateur has changed somewhat. No longer is the modern amateur willing to sit in his attic and listen to commercial code messages from ships, land stations, and other commercial stations, which 20 years ago embraced practically all of the radio traffic. The modern amateur has become a world unto himself. He has his 5- or 10-watt well designed and sharply tuned tube transmitter and he sends code to his fellow amateurs, hundreds, and even thousands of miles away, bridging even the Atlantic and the Pacific. He sends and receives *only* private amateur messages and is not at all interested in commercial messages. He is also luke warm towards listening to broadcasting stations and if he is a dyed-in-the-wool, honest-to-goodness amateur, he never publicly admits that he has ever listened to a broadcast concert. This is below his dignity.

The modern amateur sends and relays messages to his friends across the continent and assists wherever possible the authorities for the welfare of the community. In some instances, radio amateurs have been instrumental in apprehending thieves of stolen automobiles; he has helped telegraph companies to handle traffic when the wires were down; and can usually be relied upon to do his share when the country is in danger by war or when a catastrophe occurs. Indeed, if there had been many Japanese amateurs—which we are sorry to say there were not—a good many lives and untold distress could have been avoided, if the non-existing Japanese amateurs could have been pressed into service to transmit intelligence when there was no other way to transmit it.

We are quite confident that if such a national cataclysm had occurred anywhere in the United States, the American amateur would have responded on a grand scale to bring order out of the chaos.

Like radio itself, the radio amateur is also changing and will continue to change to keep up with the tendencies of the times. The last year has turned the radio art completely topsy turvy, and a new order of amateurs is arising in the vastly increased field of radio. We now have a distinct class of new amateurs, which perhaps can be better termed "radio experimenters." This new crop of devotees to the art are not at all interested in code or relay work and do not care about transmission or reception of code. Nor are these people just BCL's (broadcast listeners), but they are serious minded workers. They are known mainly for building myriads of receiving sets and as quickly as a new set is described in literature, the experimenter will usually build it over night. The writer knows of a banker who has no less than 18 sets of the latest types from the Reinartz down to the Neutrodyne, and these outfits are not make-shifts. They are all carefully built. Wiring is done with bus bar wire and the connections are soldered, and many a manufacturer would be proud to turn out any one of these 18 sets. This man is by no means an exception. He is present in every community, and he knows his business. He is not only an experimenter, but he knows the theory of a vacuum tube and knows all about amplification and has a few hook-ups of his own that have not been published anywhere. To be sure, quite a host of broadcast listeners become regular amateurs who have stations to transmit and receive code and do relay work. But we believe that the new order of radio experimenters of today vastly outnumber the orthodox radio amateur as we know him.

In talking to a number of these new radio experimenters, we have ascertained that they have no interest in code work at all and as a matter of fact do not believe in it. If, however, they could use the radio telephone, they would not be averse towards using it as a means of communicating with friends or acquaintances.

Personally, the writer thinks that the day is coming when the two classes, the radio amateur and the radio experimenter, will be amalgamated into one large class, the extent of which can only be dimly foreseen to-day. Already, if you are awake after eleven o'clock in the evening and tune down to 200 meters, and if you happen to live in a large center, you will hear not only one, but dozens of amateurs conversing with each other by radio telephone. Every radio amateur, who has a tube transmitter can send radio telephone messages as well by the simple addition of a $2.00 microphone. Indeed the amateurs themselves are waking up to the fact that for short distance work the radio telephone is more satisfactory than code, and while amateurs have been able to send radio telephone messages for over a thousand miles, such distances are considered freak work. Over a radius of 50 miles, however, the radio telephone is becoming very popular with the amateur. This, by the way, the writer foreshadowed in his editorial in the December, 1919 issue of RADIO NEWS. The advantage of the radio telephone, particularly for short distance work, is that radio telephone messages can be transmitted more rapidly than code—at least three or four times as fast.

If the amateur were to resort to loop transmission on wavelengths of 150 meters and upwards, he would do away with quite a good deal of interference because the transmitting wave would then be directive. (An article on loop transmission appears in this issue.) Of course, at the present time, it is not as yet feasible, nor practical, for all amateur traffic to switch over to the radiophone, but sooner or later, this will come about. At the present time, the Department of Commerce insists that every licensed amateur, quite rightly, must pass an examination, and no license is issued unless the amateur is proficient in sending and receiving code. We believe, however, that this ruling, as soon as the radiophone becomes sufficiently popular, will be modified, and the time will come when any radio enthusiast can rig up his sender and call up friends at his pleasure and converse with them. It probably will consume 5 to 10 years to make this transition.

This does not mean that code will go out of use entirely. The invention of the telephone did not displace the telegraph. For certain purposes the amateur will always resort to code where greater accuracy and range are desired, but we believe that in the radio amateur world, the proportion of code to phone traffic in time will be in the proportion of the wire phone messages to the telegraph messages. And as every one knows, there are over 10,000 phone conversations to one telegram.

H. GERNSBACK.

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The Nerve System of the Sea

By J. FARRELL

Secretary of the Navy Denby Broadcasting Through Station NAA Direct from His Office in Washington

TO most people the picture of the Navy in time of peace is one of fleets riding lazily at anchor, of linen-clad officers sipping ices under tropical skies, of sailor lads on shore leave exploring the bazars. But back of the picture, unseen, a vital force is pulsating. A nerve system—radio—that penetrates every corner of the globe is aquiver, ready to summon protection and aid in every conceivable maritime emergency.

"Radio, not alone in war, but in time of peace, contributes greatly to the constructive work done by our Naval organization."

Edwin Denby, aforetime gunner's mate. but now Secretary of the Navy of the United States, is speaking.

"Without radio," he continued, "our work in promoting the development of foreign commerce through the protection of American merchant ships would be greatly hampered. Maritime losses have been greatly decreased through the use of radio in warning ships of impending danger in darkness, fog or storm, of icebergs, in broadcasting weather forecasts and sending out compass bearings to ships making port with difficulty. The giving of aid to sufferers of shipwrecks, earthquakes, fires and plagues in time to be of real service would be in many cases difficult, if not impossible, without radio."

It was an American naval vessel that told the world by radio that Smyrna was burning and summoned aid from all over the seas. In the Messina disaster, in the epidemics in Panama and Southern Globe countries. Naval radio has played a leading part in bringing succor to the distressed.

"Through timely warnings," Secretary Denby told me, "made possible by radio, and through its relief work, made more effective by radio, the Navy has saved the lives of many thousands of people."

The Secretary then outlined the many activities in his Department in which radio is now playing an important part. The radio work is centered in what is known as the Naval Communication Service. All methods of visible and invisible communication are employed, including telegraph, telephone, cable, radio telegraph, radio telephone, radio compass, flag and under water signals, sound telegraphy, pigeons, couriers and the mails, but of these the radio telegraph is regarded as the most important and most extensive.

Use of radio by the Navy dates back to 1899 when Professor Marconi brought three radio sets from Italy to report the International Yacht races between the Columbia and the Shamrock. Two ships and a torpedo boat were placed at Professor Marconi's disposal and a shore station was established at Highland Heights, New York. Every radio fan will recall the successful outcome of the venture. Rapid progress in the use of radio by the Navy was subsequently made, until today the Navy owns more than 40 high power stations capable of working distances of from 800 to 6,000 miles, and 95 intermediate stations with ranges up to 800 miles. Including radio equipment on ships and aircraft the radio system represents an investment of approximately $25,000,000.

In time of peace, liberal use of the communication service is extended to the press and business interests, particularly when interruption occurs to commercial cable or radio systems. Incalculable assistance is given mariners through the broadcasting of time signals, weather reports, storm warnings, hydrographic reports and S O S signals. All Naval radio stations listen for a period of three minutes out of every 15 for distress signals, and when one is heard, the information, together with the location of the disaster, is broadcast on high power.

The radio compass is regarded as the most important recent addition to the service. Fifty radio compass stations are now located along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and in foggy and hazy weather furnish

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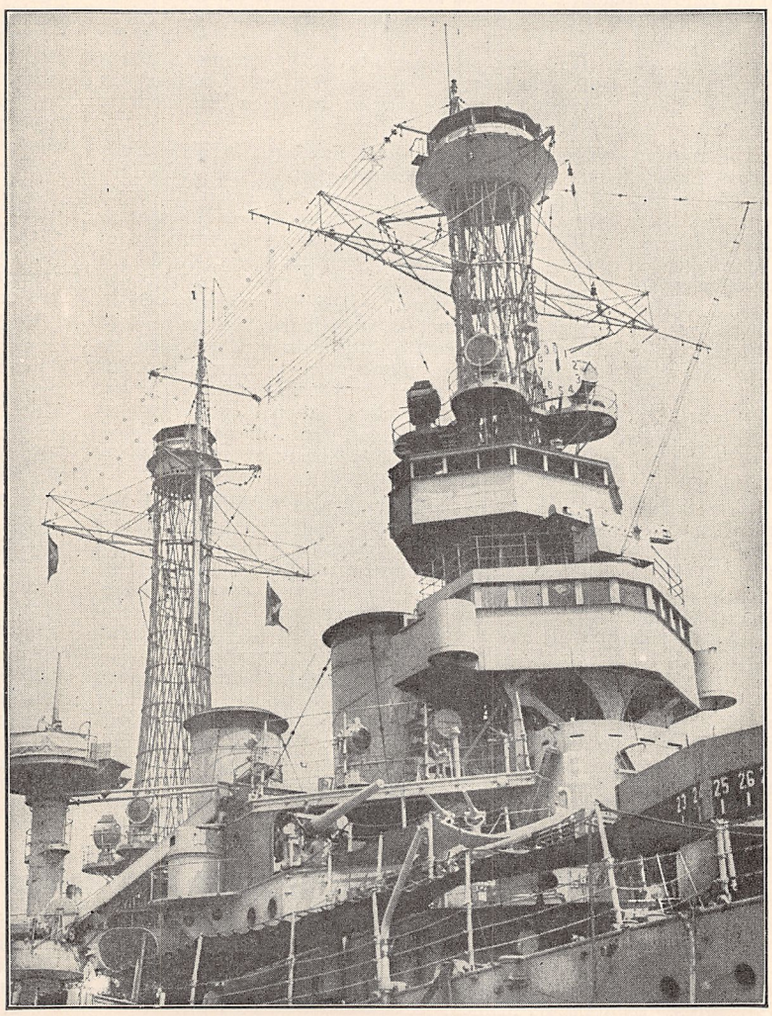

A View of the Antennae on the New Electric Driven Battleship "Wyoming." All of the Transmitters and Receivers Are Located Within the Protective Area of the Armor Plate. The Radio Equipment Aboard This Ship is the Most Complete in the Entire Fleet.

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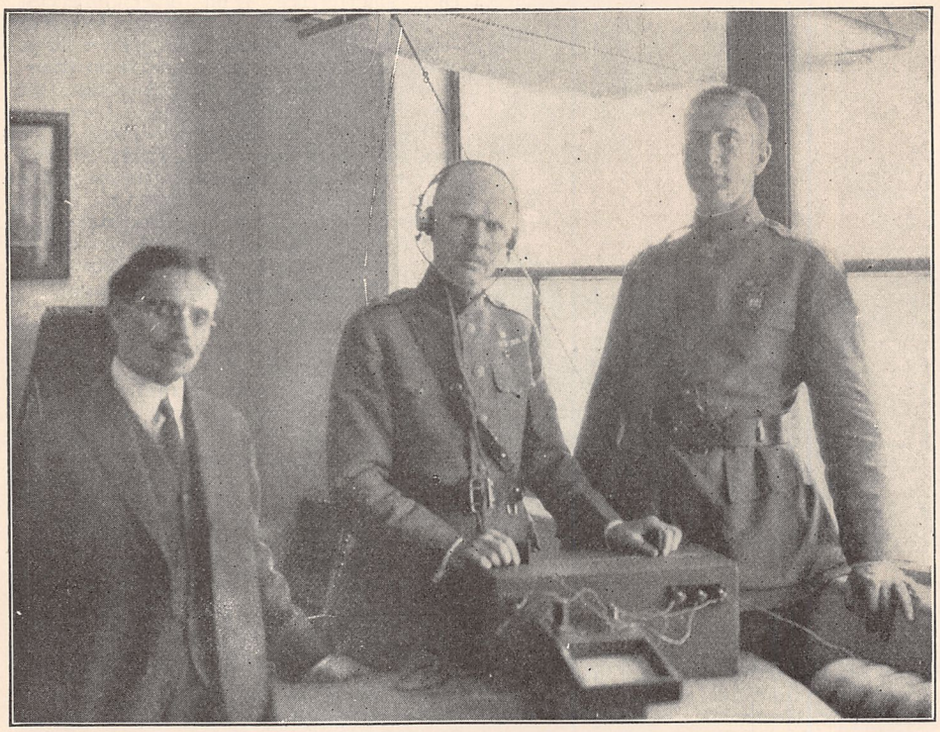
Eliminating Static with the Resonance Wave Coil

By S. R. WINTERS



The Engineers Responsible for the Development of the Resonance Wave Coil. Left to Right Are Dr. Louis Cohen, Consulting Engineer, Major General George O. Squier, Chief Signal Officer, tuning in with the Resonance Wave Coil, and Lieutenant Colonel J. O. Mauborgue, of the Signal Corps.

THE divorce proceedings instituted for the separation of orderly radio signals from "static" or atmospheric disturbances, to employ a figure of speech, are stubbornly contested. The union of the two electrical forces is of such close affiliation and of such long duration that the annulment of their wedding is challenging the supreme efforts of the scientific minds of today. The plan of attack in the main, to somewhat mix my metaphors, involves the relaying to the ground of "hog-chaining" of the rambling, crashing noises at the radio receiving stations while the purified signals proceed to the head telephones.

The partial elimination or subduing of atmospheric disturbances, in the majority of instances, has involved the draining off of such distracting noises at the receiving points, separating them from the orderly wireless signals before the latter reach the ears of the listener. If we could compare electro-magnetic waves and the attendant "static" or atmospheric disturbances to a liquid—a characterization suggested by the term "flow of electricity"— it would be permissible to describe the separation of the meaningless noises from the uniform sounds as a filtering process. The latter term implies the straining of a liquid or gas either for the purpose of purifying the fluid or collecting the suspended matter.

"Static eliminators", drain coils, resonance wave coils and other forms of appliances for reducing atmospheric disturbances, with certain modifications, adhere to the principal of draining or filtering "static" at the radio receiving stations. Notably among the comparatively recent inventions, or application thereof, for minimizing the bane of radio telegraphy and telephony is the adaptation of the resonance wave coil, a compact form of antenna, to the specific purpose just outlined. This device, an invention of the Signal Corps of the War Department, has been recently subjected to a series of experiments under the direction of Dr. Louis Cohen, consulting electrical engineer of the Signal Corps, the developments of which application will doubtless invite the adaptation of similar devices by radio amateurs who are perplexed with the seasonal atmospheric disturbances. The resonance wave coil, as well as its application in eliminating "static", should challenge the interest of the experimenter.

The original resonance wave coil designed by the Signal Corps of the War Department, and described by this writer in the September, 1922 issue of RADIO NEWS, consisted of a hollow cardboard tube, 38" long and 2¾" in diameter. Wound around this tube was a single layer of No. 32 gauge insulated wire, affording about 100 convolutions to the inch. Terminal binding posts were placed at each end of this tube for making connections with various radio-receiving instruments. A brass band or ring, approximately ¼ the length of the coil, is supplied with the binding post. This band or ring is not continuous, being split apart ¼" at a point opposite to the binding post. This ring, just large enough to slip snugly over the wired coil or tube, has a split in it to avoid the possibility of the development of annoying eddy currents.

However, when a resonance wave coil is employed in the capacity of suppressing atmospheric disturbances, there is no arbitrary requirement with respect to the size of the wire or method of winding same. The experiments of the Signal Corps, which have been confined to the reception of communications on long wave-lengths, have involved the use of coils constituting single layers, others in banks, and still others in sections of 1"; each section is banked. Dr. Louis Cohen, who has adapted the resonance wave coil to the suppression of atmospheric disturbances, suggests that in the reception of signals on a wave-length of 200 meters, a coil wound double-banked on a four-inch cardboard tube 10" long is suitable. No. 30 B. S. gauge S. C. C. wire is suggested, but this recommendation is not arbitrary. For the reception of music and speech from broadcasting stations, ordinarily operating on wave-lengths varying from 200 to 600 meters, a single layer of No. 30 B. & S. gauge wire, 18" long, on a cardboard tube 3" or 4" in diameter, is worthy of a trial.

The principle governing the operation of the resonance wave coil may be explained in this way: The cardboard tube around which is threaded insulated wire also contains a ring of metal which forms a capacity connection to the coil itself, yet insulated thereform in other particulars. This circular band, described by the Signal Corps as a "collector ring" because of its ability to assemble or collect electro-magnetic waves, is enabled to take the voltage from the particular point on which it is located and transfer it to the grid element of the vacuum tube. This sliding ring, by reason of its movability from one point to another on the resonance wave coil, is capable of obtaining various wireless signals. By use of two such metallic rings, involving the services of two radio operators, signals may be obtained from two broadcasting stations, operating on different wave-lengths, simultaneously. This is accomplished by placing both metallic bands on the same resonance wave coil, with each operator connecting the grid element of an electron tube to one of the rings.

The resonance wave coil when functioning in the capacity of reducing atmospheric disturbances involves the use of a so-called "guard tube". The latter, which may or may not be slit, is from one-half to one-third as long as the resonance wave coil itself. The "collector ring" is located at the opposite end of the resonance wave coil. If the "guard tube" is "grounded" it appears feasible that it will capture all of the wireless voltages that strike the coil and that no electric impulses will find their way to the opposite end of the coil where the metallic ring is stationed. This theory squares with the practical results. That is to say, the signals are eliminated.

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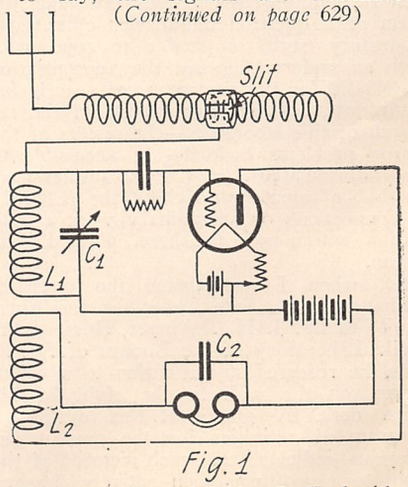
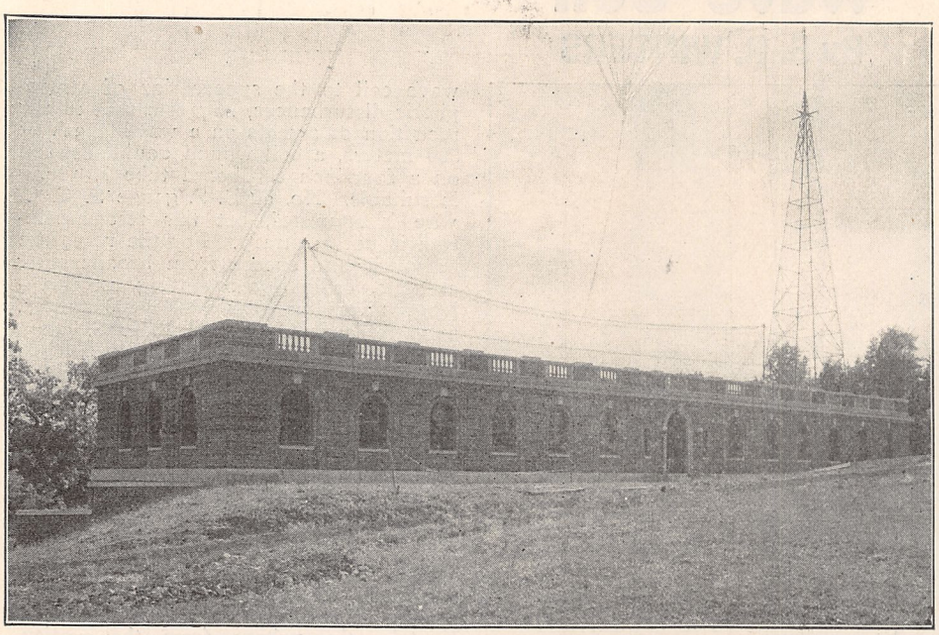


Fig. 1

The Resonance Wave Coil May Be Used with an Ordinary Regenerative Circuit When Connected as Shown Above.

What Uncle Sam Is Doing for the Amateur

By S. R. WINTERS



A Photograph of the Bureau of Standards Radio Laboratory At Washington, D. C. The Large Lattice Work Tower Supports the Antenna of WWV.

IF EACH one of the thousands of radio amateurs in the United States—real experimenters, that they are—could have placed at his disposal for one year the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards, United States Department of Commerce, there would be no occasion for him to seek Elysian fields or to covet paradise! That is to say, this low-set building fringing on the outer border of the grounds of this Government Bureau, with antenna towers at either end of the structure, is a veritable workshop for the advancement of the science of radio telegraphy and telephony. The facilities accessible, while not adequate to the sundry radio problems being attacked, are the most elaborate in the possession of any branch of the Federal Government.

Since, however, it is an improbable situation of the radio amateurs obtaining a lease of these facilities for a 12-month period, or even for any great number of this vanguard of radio progress to visit this workshop, the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards is, in a measure, taking the results of its efforts afield. This dispersion of knowledge, resulting from the testing of radio instruments, the determinations of wireless, and whatnot, does not take the form of a question-and-answer office. The laboratory staff is unable to cope with such an undertaking and the appropriation of $40,000 for the present fiscal year is far inadequate. However, the fruits of the research of this laboratory—the results of the major problems tackled—are accessible to the radio amateur, whether he resides near the hub of amateur activities, the A.R.R.L. in Connecticut, or maintains vigil at a light station, with a rock as a base, in the Pacific Ocean.

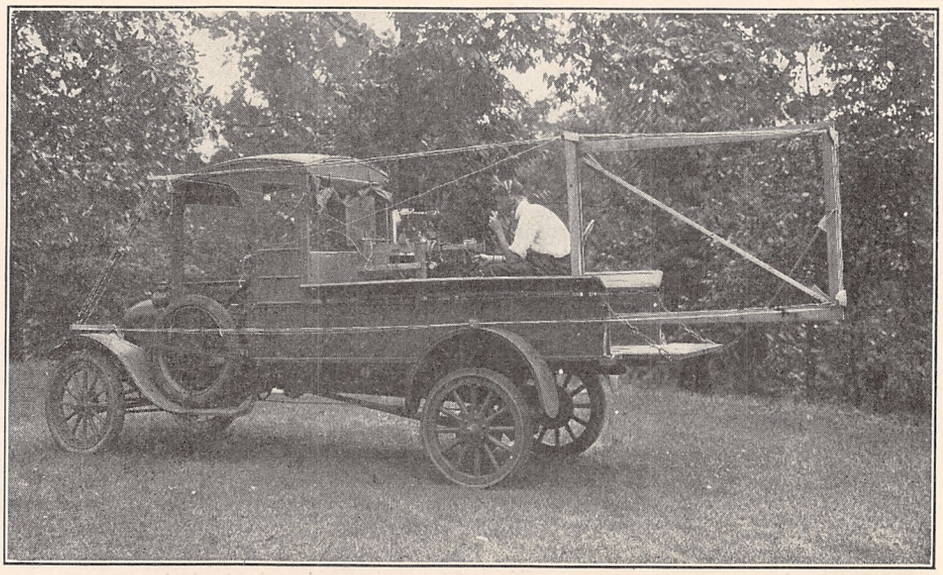
So, when I propounded the question, "What is Uncle Sam Doing for the Amateur?" to Dr. J. H. Dellinger, chief of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards, he referred my attention to a chart, tacked on the wall to the right of his office desk. A glance at this outline—a program of activities for the present fiscal year—indicated that each member of the laboratory staff was then actively engaged in ferreting out one or even a group of problems, whose solutions would inure to the benefit of the radio amateur, either directly or indirectly. From the making of electron-tube life tests, with particular reference to the determining of the periods of usefulness of receiving vacuum tubes and audions employed for low-power transmission to the measuring of the width of electro-magnetic waves of various stations, the testing and standardizing activities of this laboratory are well-nigh exhaustive.

At the time of the visit of the writer to this Government workshop, there was in progress a series of experiments for determining the receiving range of various types of wireless receiving sets. Two blanks are being supplied for the purpose of outlining these observations. One of these blanks is for the purpose of denoting the kind of circuit used, the type of antenna, kind and number of stages of amplification, location of station and whether surrounded by buildings or in the open country. The other sheet makes inquiry into such conditions as the severity of fading, the average signal strength, and whether one or more of these obstacles are encountered—atmospheric disturbances, amateur damped wave "spark" interference, commercial station interference, interference from other broadcast stations interference from other receiving sets, and interference from power lines. While the distance over which radio transmission is conducted is dependent upon the twofold equation of the power of the transmitting apparatus and the sensitivity of the receiving instruments the results of this survey will afford an intelligent basis for computing the distances over which speech and music may be heard under certain conditions. One hundred amateurs and others are volunteer observers in these tests.

WWV SENDS STANDARD WAVES

The transmission of radio signals of standard frequency, a service which has been in progress for some time is not only to be continued for several months, but the means whereby amateurs may check their wavemeters and adjust their transmitting and receiving appartus are to be expanded. The Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards has completed arrangements with Professor H. J. Ryan of Leland Stanford University whereby signals of standard frequency will be sent from the latter institution for the benefit of amateurs on the Pacific Coast. Arrangments are also being made for the transmission of radio signals of standard frequency from a Minneapolis broadcasting station through the Middle West. Heretofore this service has been confined to the territory east of the Mississippi River. At this point it is pertinent to make known the fact that this Government bureau has recently designed a radio-frequency indicator for broadcasting stations. Information and blueprints describing how to construct this instrument may be had on request to the Radio Laboratory, Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

The intensity of radio signals and field intensity measurements, is another subject of major importance to the Bureau of Standards in furtherance of the science of radio. Dr. L. W. Austin, until recently identified with the Naval Radio Research Laboratory, is now attached to the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards in the immediate capacity of studying the problem of signal intensity It is not far-fetched to contemplate that the transmission of radio signals of standard frequency—resulting in broadcasting stations keeping within their assigned wave-lengths— and a study of sig-



Making Tests of a Radio Transmitter and Receiver Designed For Use On Life-Saving Boats of the Coast Life Guard Service.

nal intensity, may ultimately result in the elimination of much of the existing interference in the air.

Methods and apparatus for determining the interference of modulated waves (voice and music modulation) are being developed. Also filter circuits are in contemplation for the elimination of interference due to the presence of electric-power lines. A new instrument is also being developed for the rapid measurements of radio frequencies.

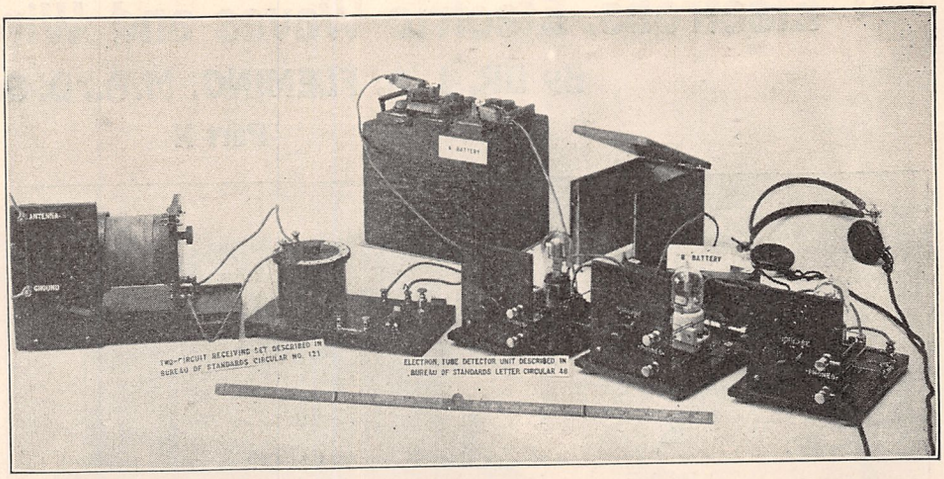
Only recently the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards conducted tests looking to improvements in the manufacture of radio receiving sets. The results of these experiments are available in the mimeographed form, although the limited number of copies are reserved for distribution to testing laboratories, manufacturers, and others who are directly interested in the testing of receiving sets. If the observations made are carried into effect by the manufacturers both electron-tube and crystal-detector receiving outfits should be of improved construction in the future. Various types of receiving sets are being tested.

Broadly speaking, the 1923 program of this radio laboratory with reference to standards is concerned with the improvement of frequency measurements and its application to the standardization of wavemeters. These efforts, in the final analysis, will assist the radio amateur and others in accurately adjusting their transmitting and receiving instruments.

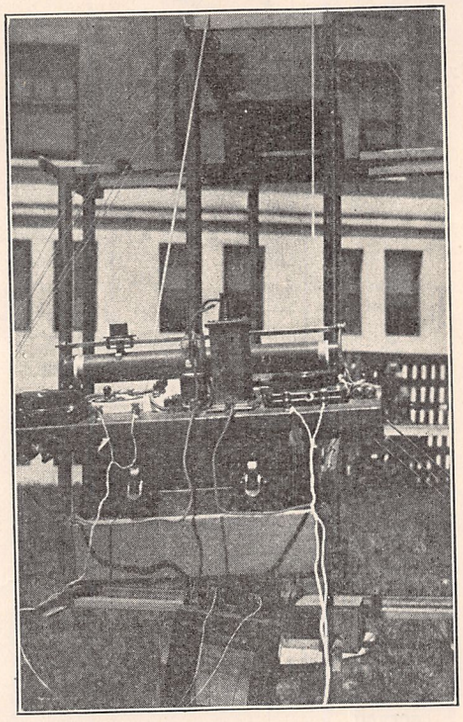
The research problems embrace studies of radio signal intensity variations, the distance range of radio stations, atmospheric disturbances, a study of the properties of insulating materials, and the regenerative action in electron-tubes. Of the latter subject, this study will seek to ascertain how much amplification is actually obtained from a regenerative circuit and whether or not regenerative radio sets re-radiate.

ARC TRANSMITTER IMPROVED

While the radio developments of the United States Navy Department are primarily concerned with the devising of means of communication on battleships and other craft in the times of national emergency, the fruits of this research not infrequently rebound to the benefit of the radio amateurs. Just at this time, this Government Bureau is expending approximately $150,000 in modifying the transmitting apparatus at its high-power stations toward the end of eliminating "mush" and "harmonics." These forms of interference have, in a way, bridled the efforts of the radio amateur in his endeavors toward a full realization of the possibilities of radio. Recently, the Navy Department has reduced interference at the low-power transmitting arc and spark sets by the installing of a suitable circuit at one station and the installation of a tube transmitter at the other. On the Pacific Coast, specifically at the Naval radio stations at San Francisco and San Diego, interference created by arc transmitters has been overcome by the installation of a so-called nodal-point current transformer circuit. The high-power arc transmitters at Annapolis, Maryland, and Sayville, New Yok, are being subdued or at least the interference therefrom, by similar modification or installation of special circuits.



Apparatus Designed and Specified By the Bureau of Standards, Described In Their Letter Circulars Published For the Benefit of Those Who Are Desirous of Building Their Own.



The Apparatus Used In the Experiments On Coil Antennae.

The development of a system whereby one antenna will serve four or five radio receiving sets; the use of a kite-form of antenna on small water craft; the perfection of new instruments such as vario-couplers antenna selector switches and condensers, are among the other fruits of research in the Radio Division of the Navy Department that are of indirect, if not direct, benefit to the radio amateurs. The naval aircraft laboratory has developed a system whereby two or more messages may be sent from the same antenna. The amateur who is prone to experiment with equipment under water will be interested in knowing that the Navy Department has been able to receive signals from an underwater piloting cable at heights up to 1,000 feet. A radio compass has been developed that is so compact that small as well as large aircraft may be thus equipped in the future.

STATIC ELIMINATOR DEVELOPED

The Signal Corps of the War Department, too, is primarily interested in the development of radio telegraphy and telephony only as it pertains to military tactics, and to that extent makes for national security. However, in the unfolding of these developments in the laboratories of the Signal Corps both methods and instruments primarily designed for military purposes may have peace-time applications. A notable instance is the resonance wave coils which are now being applied by Dr. Louis Cohen, consulting engineer of the Signal Corps, in suppressing "static" or atmospheric disturbances. Radio amateurs are tremendously interested in the lifting of this ban which is throttling the progress of radio, and resonance wave coils are being investigated toward that end. The modification of the Morse telegraph code, recently proposed by Major General George O. Squier, is another case at point—where a military bureau makes a discovery of benefit to peace-time industries. The use of this modified Morse telegraph code, by utilizing certain bands of frequencies not now employed in radio transmission, will help relieve the tensity of the atmosphere which is now charged with so many disturbing factors in the form of interference of one kind or another. The radio research laboratory of the Signal Corps at the Bureau of Standards, recently became active after a brief period of inactivity, and the adaptation of the proposed modified Morse alphabet is being studied with the view to practical application.

A noteworthy instance where the Signal Corps of the War Department and the thousands of radio amateurs of the country are joining hands, is indicated by the announcement of Captain R. B. Woolverton, officer in charge of the radio plant and intelligence division of the Signal Corps, to the effect that the two forces are to unite in contemplation of any emergency. The headquarters of each corps unit of the nine corps areas of the Signal Corps is to be tied into all of the special stations of the

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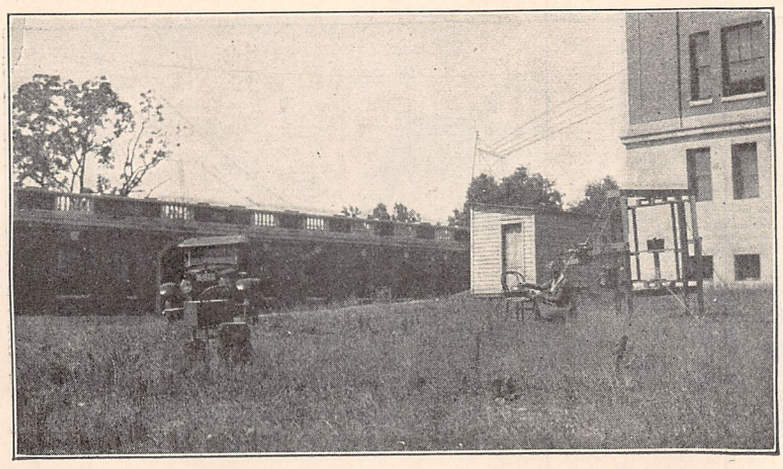

Experiments On Coil Antennae Constants, Which Tests Will Indicate To Amateurs the Size and Kind of Coils Most Suitable For Receiving On Definite Wave-Lengths.

Electrons, Electric Waves and Wireless Telephony

By DR. J. A. FLEMING, M.A., D. Sc., F.R.S.

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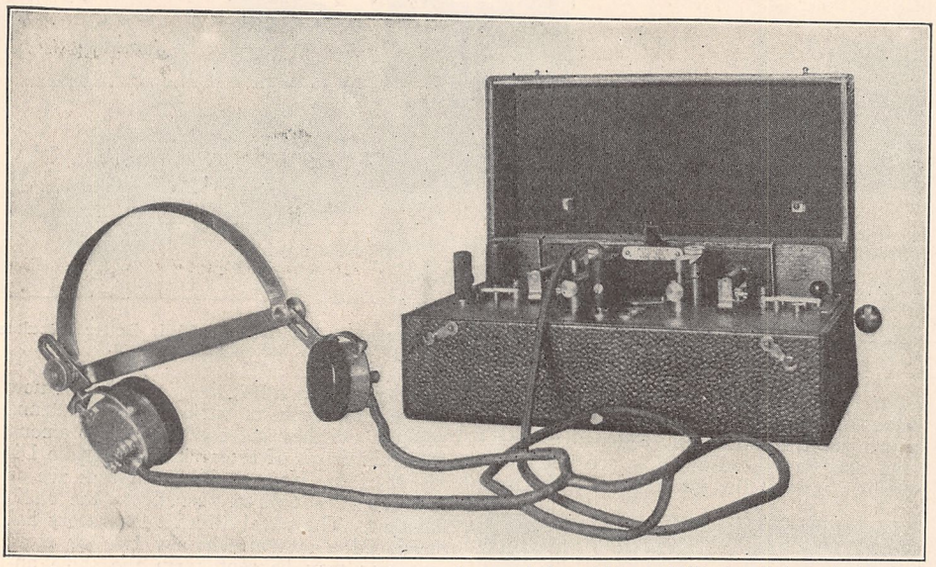

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Fig. 113. A Portable Crystal Receiving Set.

THE type of set to be used must be determined by the distance and power of the broadcasting station from which the service is given, and we may add, by the by, the depth of the purchaser's purse.

A comparatively simple equipment will do useful service if within a few miles of such station, but for large distances a more sensitive and therefore expensive receiving arrangement is required.

Then again there is the question of surroundings to be considered. If the receiver is to be located in the middle of a large town where it is surrounded by high buildings, especially those with metal roofs or built with steel frames and girders, then there is a large absorption of energy, and therefore a weakening of the arriving wireless waves. Most large modern buildings are constructed of a mass of steel joists and girders, vertical and horizontal, and with concrete floors. Also a mass of iron, water, gas, and electric light wires is included. All this vertical and horizontal metalwork causes great absorption of the energy of the electric wireless waves, especially those of rather short wave-length such as 300 to 400 meters.

On the other hand an isolated old-fashioned brick and timber house, right out in the country, is not subject to these deleterious effects.

Accordingly a receiver placed in the midst of such energy-absorbing buildings will have to be more sensitive, other things being equal, than one in a more advantageous position.

TYPES OF AERIAL

Lastly we have to consider the facilities for erecting an aerial wire. There are two main types of aerial:—

(1) An open wire aerial, and
(2) A closed circuit or frame aerial.

The first type consists of a wire or wires which may be a bare single, or better, stranded copper wire, the lower end of which is connected to that terminal of the receiving apparatus marked "aerial," and the further end attached to an ebonite or porcelain insulator placed in some elevated position. The wire must not touch any wall, roof, or tree in its course.

The best arrangement when possible is to erect a flagstaff or small yacht mast in the garden of a house or on the roof of your house or some neighboring building, and stay it with stout ropes, and then to fix to the top an ebonite insulating rod to the end of which is attached the wire, or better, pair of parallel wires, kept about four feet apart by wooden spreaders. The lower ends of these wires may be brought in through an ebonite tube fixed in a wall or window frame so that the receiving apparatus is within the house (see Fig. 111). This is called an outdoor aerial. The Post Office limitations as to length have been already given. A frame aerial consists of a number of turns of wire generally insulated, wound on a square frame or cross of wood (see Fig. 112). This frame is supported so that its plane is vertical and can be turned round a vertical axis in any direction. This has the peculiar property that it receives most strongly waves travelling in the direction of its own plane. Hence it can be used as a directional aerial. The frame aerial is less sensitive, generally speaking, than the outdoor or wire aerial in catching wireless waves, and hence requires a more sensitive receiver, but it has the advantage that it is much less sensitive to vagrant atmosphere waves.

In the case of lofty rooms or public halls or churches, it is sometimes possible to erect an indoor aerial wire stretching two or three wires horizontally across the room some little distance below the ceiling, the ends of these wires being connected to insulators, such as ebonite rods, which are attached to fixed points on the walls. From these horizontal wires a down leading wire can be brought to the receiver, making what is called a T aerial.

The ceiling however, should be free from steel joints or metalwork.

THIS article is the last of a series by Dr. J. A. Fleming, F.R.S., which appears under the above title. It is a reproduction, with some additions, of the lectures on electric waves and wireless telephony he gave at the Royal Institution, London, in December and January, 1921-1922, for which RADIO NEWS has been able to secure the exclusive serial rights of publication in the United States. The articles are therefore copyrighted, and rights of translation and reproduction are strictly reserved.

THE RECEIVING APPARATUS

Having obtained a license and erected an aerial, the would-be listener-in will then require receiving apparatus. Let him or her be content with small achievements first, and learn to manage simple apparatus before attempting to use more complex appliances.

The first step is to understand the limitations of various sets, and not jump to the conclusion that with a cheap crystal detector set and pair of indifferent telephones he can pick up speech or music from very distant stations.

The essential element in all receiving sets is a pair of good head telephones made by a firm with a reputation. It is not desirable to unscrew ear-pieces or take receiving telephones to pieces to see how they are made, or else it will not be easy to readjust them.

If the licensee is so fortunate as to have his receiving point not more than 10 or 15 miles from a broadcasting station, then it will be best for him to begin operations with a crystal receiving set, and an outdoor aerial. The set includes a tuning coil or aerial inductance, a variable condenser, a rectifying crystal, and a pair of high resistance head telephones. There are two terminals, one of which is connected to the base of the aerial wire, and the other by a thick bare copper wire to the nearest water-tap or pipe. For adjustments the makers' instructions must be followed. Do not, however, expect too much of such simple appliances.

For a listener whose nearest broadcasting station is distant say by 50 miles or less,

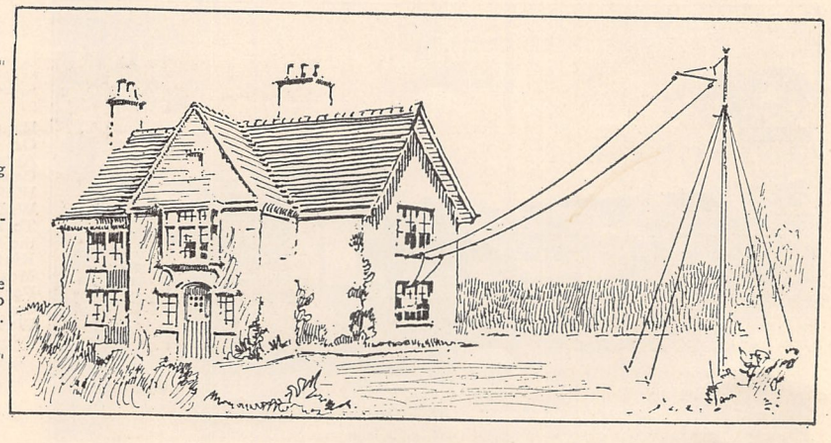

Fig. 111. An Outdoor Aerial, Consisting of Two Parallel Wires Extending from the Window of a House to the Top of a Mast.

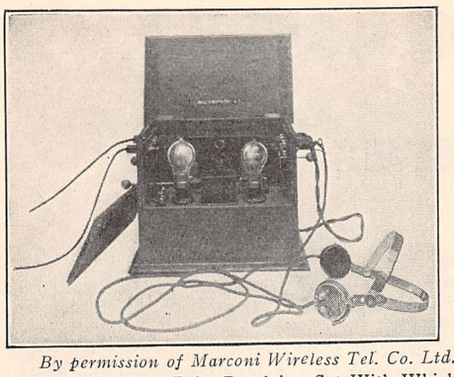

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Fig. 114. A Two-Tube Receiving Set With Which Considerable Distance Can Be Covered.

a two-valve thermionic receiver set will be necessary when using an outdoor aerial. One of these valves constitutes the detector and the other the amplifier. The inexperienced user must then proceed cautiously and follow carefully the instructions of the maker or those in numerous little practical handbooks which have been published.

The valve is only a kind of electric lamp, and any mistake in putting too high a voltage on the filament will result in a burn-out, and then a new valve will probably cost 15s. to 17s. 6d. The set requires separate filament heating storage batteries and plate batteries, which must be re-charged as required.

For still longer distances a multivalve set is necessary, and the best type is the Unit System, in which each element of the apparatus is provided in a separate box or case which are joined in series as required. For details as to construction and management of these complicated receivers, and for the combination with them of loud-speaking telephones, special manuals must be consulted, and the user will only acquire the necessary skill to use such sets by painstaking work and by the study of wireless literature.

The best advice to the beginner is to join a local Wireless Society, and pick up from more experienced amateurs the necessary knowledge to get the best out of any receiver he can afford. He will in that way learn much which is not contained in any book, and the vagaries of "atmospherics," the difference between day and night reception, and sunset effects, as well as the acquirement of skill in tuning in or avoiding "jamming" will bring continual fresh interest. It is a wonderful art which has thus been evolved in the last ten years or so.

The development of wireless telephony is, indeed, one of the fairy tales of science, in which the wonderful thermionic valve takes the place of a modern Aladdin's lamp, annihilating space and making the whole of this terrestrial globe one vast auditorium in which a single voice can influence for good or for evil untold thousands of listening human minds.

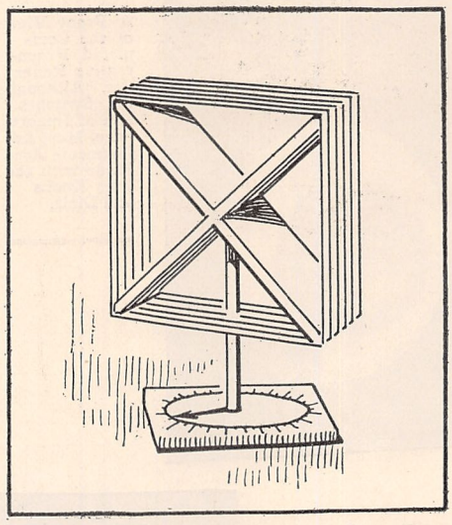

Fig. 112. A Receiving Aerial of the Loop Type.

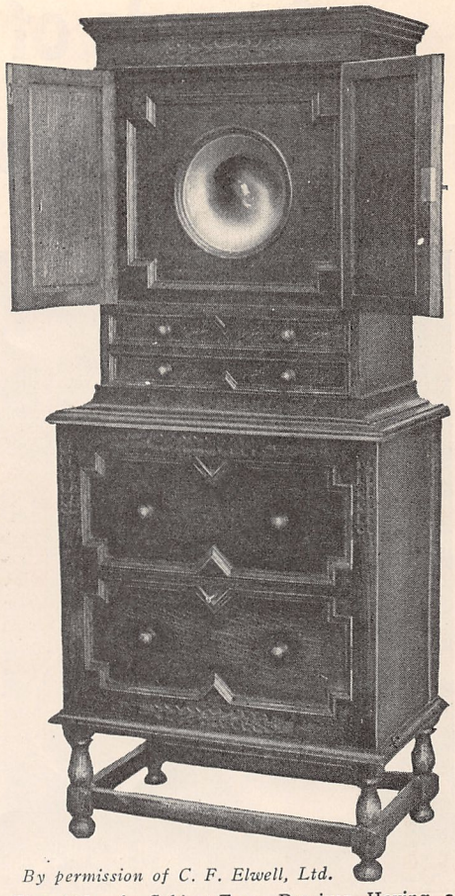

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Fig. 115. A Cabinet-Type Receiver Having a Loud Speaker.

THE END.

It's Great To Be One of 'Em

By EDWARD T. JONES,* A.M.I.R.E.

SITTING at ease in my home tonight, with a receiver and two-step amplifier connected to one side of my standing lamp through a condenser plug listening to the sad details of our President's death being broadcast from Fort Worth, Texas, my thoughts go back a number of years, 16 in all, to the latter part of 1907 when, with my carbon detector set, completed only by the addition of one dead dry cell battery and a 75-ohm telephone receiver, I ran frantically out into the street to call all the neighbors into the house to listen to the 25-kilowatt station of the United Fruit Company, which was located about one mile from my home.

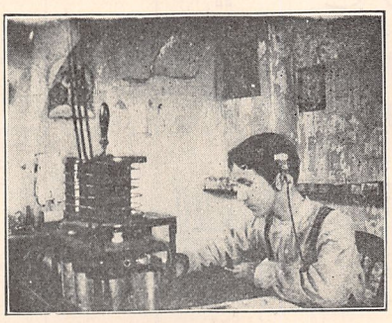
Tonight, I hear the announcer of the Radio Station at Fort Worth, Texas, read the details of President Harding's death, just as though he were in the same room with me, and that modern station uses but ½-kilowatt.

It also occurs to me that AMATEUR RADIO is the natural fruition of the good work done by Radio Magazines, in bringing into the home of every experimenter information and data which permitted the building or bettering of a radio installation, and painting simple pictures of the underlying theory.

Radio would not be what it is today in America if we had not had these land-marks —the Pioneer Radio Magazines. The very first Magazine in this country to publish data on radio was MODERN ELECTRICS, the fore-runner of RADIO NEWS.

MODERN ELECTRICS, dear to the heart of every old-time, dyed-in-the-wool radio amateur brings back sweet memories of coherers, carbon detectors, electrolytic detectors, magnetic detectors, Fleming valves and what not.

By the latter part of 1909 I had made great progress in radio by very nearly eating every copy of MODERN ELECTRICS and had developed the station shown in the photograph. I had discontinued the use of carbon detectors and the like for the Pickard crystal detector. I had a noise-making spark coil used (to great disadvantage) by many well meaning amateurs in those history making days, a loose-coupler, which was a late development in tuning instruments—substituting rolling-pin coils. The special ball-bearing slider used on the primary of this coupler was designed, patented and manufactured by the Editor of this Magazine. There was an antenna-transfer switch which forced me during later years to develop and patent a switch especially suited for that purpose. An old time single coil helix. Just in front of the helix can be seen four leyden jars, which no doubt accounted for 60 percent of the 90 percent losses, common to nearly all amateur transmitting installations during the early years when very little data regarding efficiency in station design could be found in print.



Mr. E. L. Commagere Seated Before His First Set. Note the Stationary Spark Gap and the Helix. Them Was the Days of Hi-Power But No Distance.

1911 found me floating on the palatial United Fruit Steamer *Heredia,* bound for the Panama Canal, which at that time was merely "in the making." During the years which have slipped by since that date, I have gone through the main plant of the United Fruit Company in successive stages of third operator, second operator and finally first operator. Gunner-Radio USNRF during the late war, Associate Editor of this magazine for the first six issues leaving that position only to return home in the capacity of Radio Supervisor-Gulf Division, U.S.S.B. After spending two years and a half in that capacity the Broadcast Boom picked me up on the crest of its wave and landed me where I am today, Manager, Radio Department Electrical Supply Co., New Orleans, La.

Everywhere I turn I am confronted by an old-timer who is today at the head of some radio organization. Amateurs are at the head of 99 percent of all there is in radio and there is plenty of room for those who have just recently made their "debut."

For example, let us take Mr. E. L. Commagere who erected his first amateur station in the year 1904. . . . most probably the very first amateur in this part of the country.

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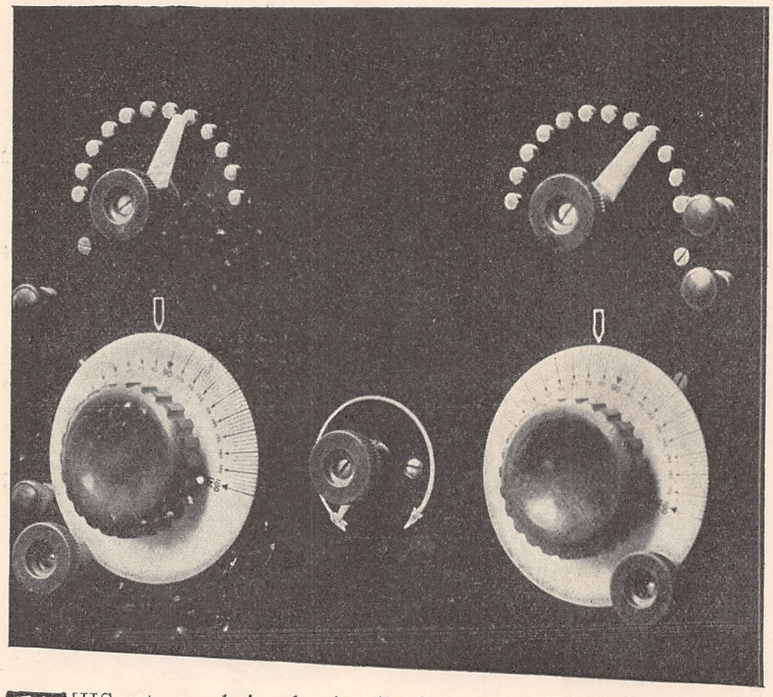
Awards of the Reflex Prize Contest

First Prize

A Regenerative Reflex Receiver

By HORACE B. PHELPS



A Front View of the Completed Regenerative Reflex Set. Although the Switches Are of Importance, Most Adjustments Are Made with the Two Knobs and Dials.

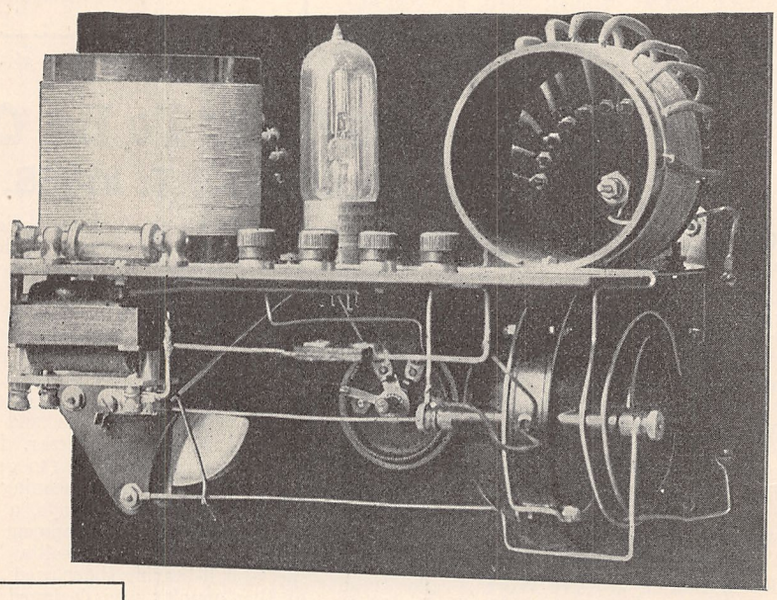
THIS set was designed primarily for receiving broadcast music, and in selectivity and signal strength will excell a plain regenerative set. It is a combination of the regenerative and reflex circuits, using a single-turn primary coupling, very tight coupling for the tickler, and a tuned radio-frequency transformer.

The primary is tuned by the tapped coil L, which has 48 turns, tapped every 4th turn. It is wound with No. 22 D.C.C. wire on a 3½" formica tube. It is coupled to the secondary by the loop of bus-bar wire L_2, which can be seen in the photograph around the outside of the variometer.

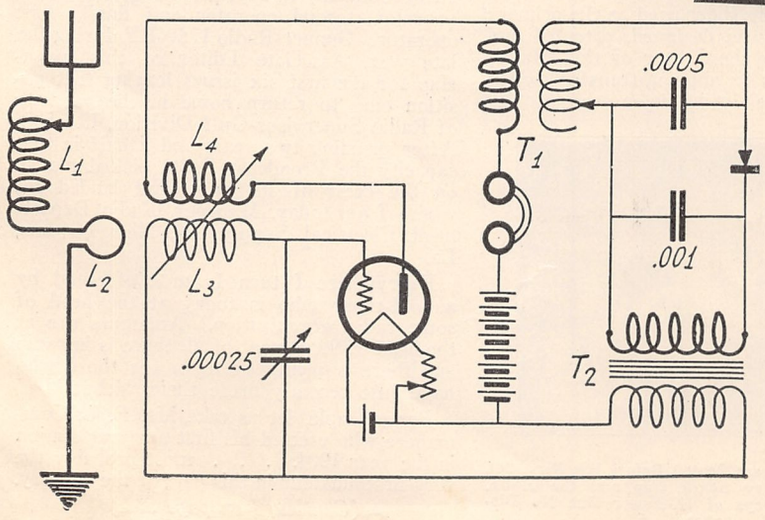
The secondary inductance is the outside winding of the variometer. The secondary is tuned by the variable condenser. The variometer rotor is used as the tickler. The transformer T, which feeds high-frequency energy from the plate circuit into the crystal circuit, is made by winding No. 22 D.C.C. wire on a 3½" formica tube: it is mounted on the shelf above the variable condenser. The primary winding of 10 turns is stuck on the inside surface of the tube: the secondary is wound on the outside and is tapped at every 3rd turn, beginning with the 20th, 12 taps being taken off. The crystal detector is a zincite-tellurium couple, and can be seen in the photograph on the shelf next to the transformers. The rectified signal is fed into the grid circuit through transformer T_2. It is best to use no by-pass condenser across the secondary of the transformer, and no grid condenser must be used, either. The tube fits into four holes bored in the bakelite shelf, and four brass springs make contact with the prongs. A 45-volt "B" battery is used, to get the best results. A list of the apparatus I had to buy follows:

Crystal Detector ..... Skyrad
Variometer ..... Raven
A. F. Transformer ..... Giblin
Rheostat ..... Paragon
Dials ..... Premier (Celluloid)
Variable Condenser, 13 plate,
..... (No Maker's Name.)
Vacuum tube WD-11

The set has a range of about 1,000 miles. KDKA, Pittsburgh and WDAP, Chicago, come in nice and clear at Troy, N. Y. Nearer stations, such as WBZ, WEAF, and WGY, can be heard with the phones six inches from the ears. The thing I like most about the hook-up, however, is the selectivity, which is much greater than that of an ordinary three-circuit regenerative receiver and which I attribute entirely to the single-turn primary. Another advantage of the single turn is, that the set can be allowed to oscillate without disturbing the neighbors by re-radiation. The reason for the increased selectivity is, that there is a very loose inductive coupling between the primary and secondary circuits, and the capacitive coupling, which in ordinary couplers broadens tuning, in this coupler is zero. The reason for the very slight re-radiation is the high turns ratio of the transformer, which gives a decided voltage step-down and makes the voltage applied to the antenna very low. The circuit diagram and the necessary information can be obtained from the accompanying illustrations



A Rear View of the Set Showing Clearly the Respective Parts. The Antenna is Coupled to the Secondary Circuit by One Turn of Wire Which Can Be Seen Wound Around the Variometer.



The Circuit Diagram of the Regenerative Reflex Set. Note that the Secondary of the R. F. Transformer is Tapped.

A Single Tube Reflex Receiver

By DEAN S. KINTNER

SECOND PRIZE

BECAUSE of its compactness, relatively low cost of construction and upkeep, ease of adjustment, freedom from capacity effects, and large volume and unusual clarity of output, the single-tube reflex circuit, as it becomes better understood, should grow in popularity.

Adaptation of single-tube reflex hook-ups to standard instruments so as to achieve compactness of arrangement, simplicity and directness of circuits, and convenience of controls, presents many interesting and worth-while problems to the radio experimenter.

The set pictured and diagrammed herewith, while seemingly cantankerous at first, is giving such good service—the practical equivalent of that afforded by standard three-tube receivers—that other listeners-in may be helped by details of its design and operation.

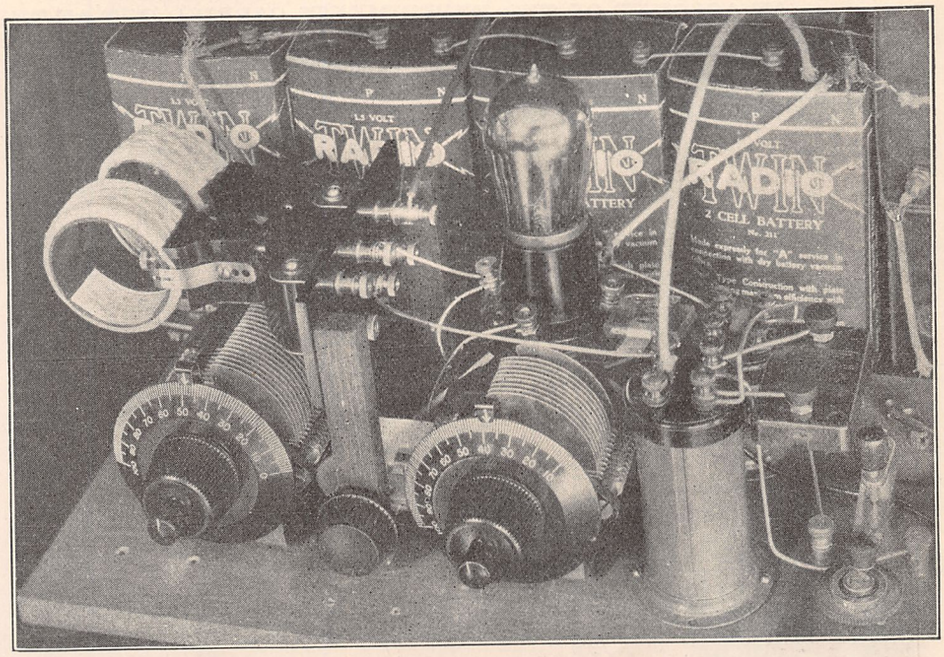
No originality as to hook-up is claimed: in the main it copies the Erla circuit, which does not differ radically from other reflexing plans. Some embody a potentiometer, which I have not found essential: it adds a control, and complicates the rheostat's action to some extent.

To obtain greater flexibility over the new band of broadcasting wave-lengths, I use instead of a variocoupler two Giblin-Remler inductance coils on a Remler three-coil mounting, so attached to vertical wooden supports that the coils project toward the left, just above the primary condenser. Clearance between coils and condenser is sufficient to permit rotation of the condenser and variation of coupling by swinging the rear (primary) coil backward or forward. This can be done readily with the hand, since one of the fine features of this set is the almost entire absence of capacity effects, with resultant ease in tuning.

The tube base is placed just above and back of the secondary condenser, and just to the right of the coil mounting, so that the leads are short, direct, and free from close parallels or crossovers that might cause trouble.

Since the tube used is a 201-A, some cushioning against microphonic noises is desirable. In my set, which is mounted in a writing desk that is not subject to jarring, it has proven sufficient to suspend the tube socket by means of the leads thereto, which are of No. 14 round tinned copper wire. An additional advantage of placing the socket above rather than on the base is that connections are shortened, and the tube made more accessible.

An Atwater Kent radio-frequency transformer is giving gratifying results: I have never compared it directly with an Erla or other types. The audio-frequency transformer is a low-ratio (4 to 1) Atwater Kent. Its performance does not seem to differ much from that of a type, which is rated at 9 to 1. Reflex "fans" usually advise against high ratios on the audio side of the circuit.



A View of Mr. Kintner's Reflex Set. The Instruments Are So Arranged as to Make the Shortest Possible Leads. The Disposition Allows for Panel Mounting if Desired.

PRIZE WINNERS

First Prize $100
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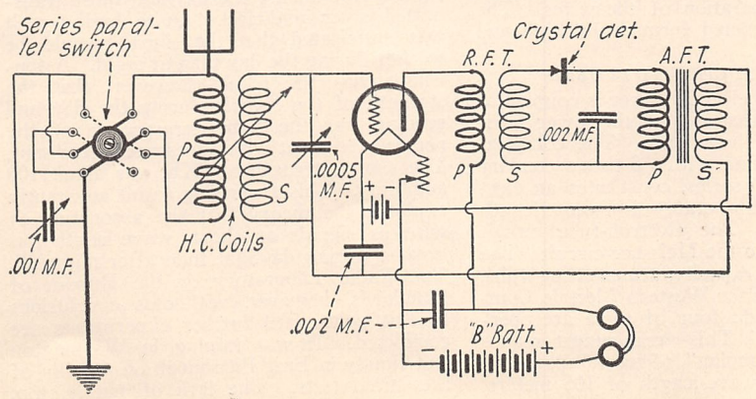
Rensellaer Polytechnic Institute,
Troy, N. Y.

Second Prize $60
DEAN S. KINTNER
2560 E. 130th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio

Third Prize $40
W. A. PYLE
2217 Washington Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Fourth Prize $25
EVERETT G. BRUNDAGE
7 Paunee Parkway,
Buffalo, N. Y.

The number of entries received for the Reflex Contest were few. Out of these there were but four that the judges considered worthy of prizes. For this reason we have increased the amounts of the first four prizes so as to equal the original amount offered.



Circuit Diagram of the Single Tube Reflex Receiver. A Series-Parallel Switch is Used in the Primary Circuit so That All Broadcast Waves Can Be Covered.

The variable condensers are Bremer-Tullys, 43-plate and 23-plate, both with vernier. They are attached to the base of my "open-work" set by means of small brass brackets or corner braces in lieu of a panel, which could readily be used without redesigning the receiver. Vernier control is essential as regards the smaller condenser, since the tuning of the secondary circuit is exceptionally critical. The primary is broader, so that the vernier is seldom needed.

Tuning over a wide band of wave-lengths is facilitated by a new type series-parallel switch connected in the primary circuit and mounted on the rear support of the coil mounting. In using coils of various sizes with this switch it is desirable to keep a "log" of stations that have been heard. My log consists of a ruled sheet of paper with station names and call letters at the left, and spaces for noting each station's wave-length, the coils used (whether in series or parallel as regards the primary), and the condenser dial settings.

With my aerial and ground, approximating 175′ in length, stations ranging upward from 360 meters come in nicely with a 100-turn primary coil in series with the primary condenser, and a 75-turn secondary coil. The same stations come in with about equal volume but broader tuning by using a 50-turn primary coil in parallel with the condenser. (The parallel connection will be found advantageous to those troubled with A.C. hum.) Broadcasting stations on lower waves are heard to best advantage with a 75-turn primary coil, in series, and a 50-turn secondary. Most amateur stations require a 35-turn primary, in series or parallel, and a 35-turn or 50-turn secondary.

The position of the primary condenser varies as the relative position (coupling) of the primary and secondary inductances is changed. Users of this circuit should find it advantageous to mark their log with coupling

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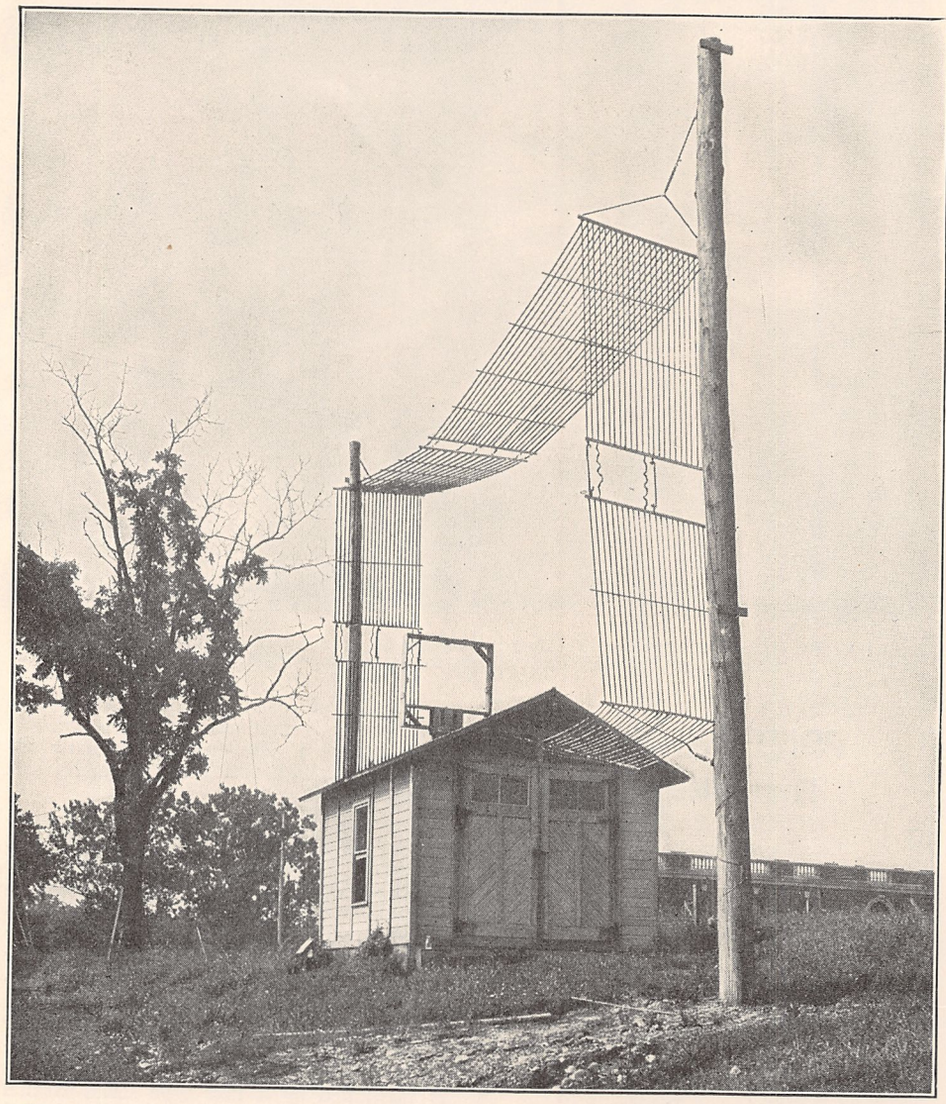
100-Meter C.W. Transmission

By S. R. WINTERS

AN ACCOUNT OF THE EXPERIMENTS CARRIED OUT AT THE BUREAU OF STANDARDS



The Special Antenna Used by the Bureau of Standards During the 100-Meter Transmission Tests.

RESEMBLING a suspended latticework, an antenna designed and installed by F. W. Dunmore and F. H. Engel of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards, United States Department of Commerce, has made possible the transmission of radio-telegraph signals on a wave-length of 105 meters to a distance of 300 miles. Continuous wave transmission at wave-lengths exceeding 150 meters has been a subject of frequent experiments, but the sending of wireless signals at a frequency of 105 meters is a departure in radio communication.

SPECIAL LOOP AERIAL IS USED

Novel experiments demand unusual equipment. As seen in the accompanying photograph, the antenna used in this instance is oddly enough at variance with the type elevated above the roofs of residences and apartments and the loop antenna which may be placed in the corner of a room in complete harmony with mahogany furniture. This semblance of latticework, suspended above a house on the grounds of the Bureau of Standards, a structure usually reserved for tests with radio direction finders, is a hybrid antenna. That is to say, it is a combination of the capacity and coil types of antenna. The coil design, as previous experiments have determined, effectively radiates electric energy at abbreviated wave-lengths and has directional characteristics.

As the illustration reproduced with this article shows, this antenna is comprised of a number of wires in parallel in the form of a rectangle with a gap in it. It includes a single-turn inductance coil and a condenser. The latter is formed by covering the two wooden spreaders with copper foil. The glass rods between the spreaders function as insulators. The parallel wires in this wave-radiating system are 23 No. 20 B & S gauge bare copper strands, connected in parallel and spaced 3″ apart. Light wooden spreaders are placed at 4-foot intervals as a means of insuring the separation of the wires. The antenna, in completed form, is 18′ high and 40′ long.

MEISSNER CIRCUIT IS USED

The source of electric power is coupled at a point about the center of the lower horizontal section of the antenna. This combination type of antenna, with a 3-turn secondary coil connected in series, constitutes an electric circuit which operates on a wave-length of 105 meters. The electron-tube circuit bears similarity to the Meissner circuit. The type G, 50-watt capacity, transmitting tube, manufactured by the Western Electric Company, is employed; four of these are operated in parallel. This arrangement makes possible the "pumping" of six amperes of electricity, at a wave-length of 105 meters, into the latticework-like antenna, for dissipation.

The vacuum-tube transmitting equipment operated more satisfactorily with 32,000 ohms shunted by a 0.002-mfd. condenser connected in the grid circuits than when dissimilar methods of operation were in force. A similar condenser shunted by a 50-ohm resistance in the high voltage supply circuit proved to be a stabilizing agent in the operation of the electron tubes. The primary or plate coil was composed of two turns of heavy copper strip, 2″ wide, when wireless signaling was conducted at a frequency of 105 meters. This coil, shunted by a 0.002 microfarad mica-transmitting condenser, afforded the required frequency for the continuous wave transmission.

A 14-turn helix was employed for the grid coil. A tap at five and one-half turns from the center was productive of most satisfactory operation. The coupling between the grid and plate coils is described as somewhat critical. A secondary coupling coil was employed for the purpose of transferring the electric energy to the antenna. This coil, connected in series with the antenna, was comprised of three turns of brass strip, 1″ wide. A chopper was used when interrupted continuous wave transmission was resorted to, the chopper being connected in series with the lead from the filament to the radio-frequency circuits.

TESTS CARRIED WITH 8XK

A series of five tests have been thus far conducted with this wireless transmitting outfit, which is capable of radiating at a frequency of 105 meters. Frank Conrad of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company co-operated with the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards to the extent of having an operator at station 8XK of East Pittsburgh, Pa., listen in during the period of transmission of these signals on abbreviated wave-lengths. A detector and one-stage of audio-frequency amplification were used for reception, the signals during the first two nights being received at East Pittsburgh with an audibility of approximately 100. Two-way communication was maintained between the latter point and Washington, while a report indicates that the signals during these tests were heard as far distant as Boston. The signals were received at East Pittsburgh in the absence of fading when messages were transmitted after nightfall.

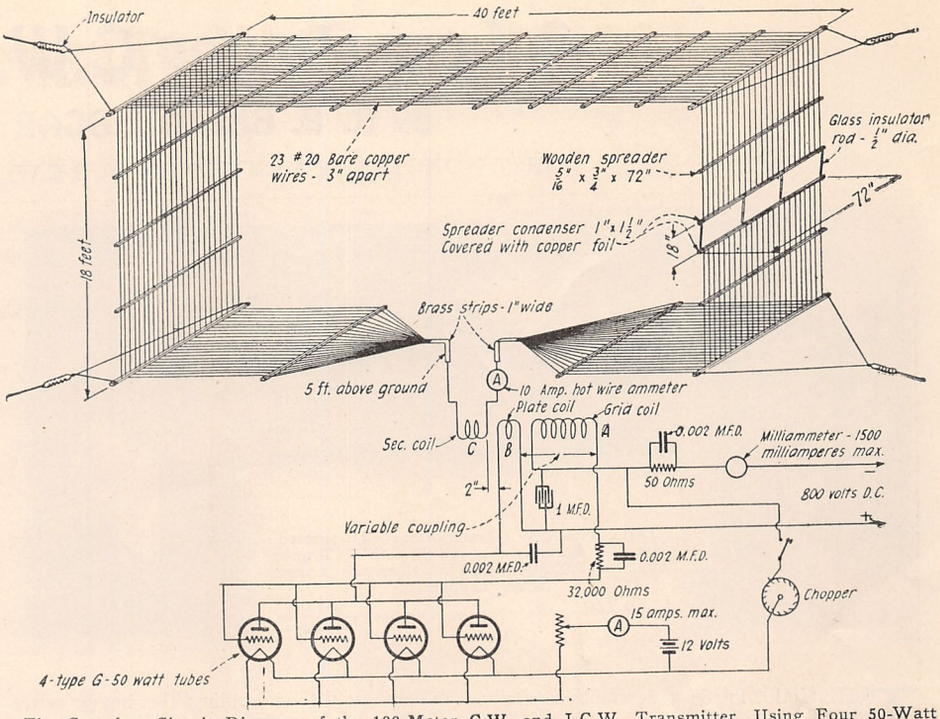
The gratifying success of the evening transmission tests prompted an investigation into the effects of short-wave signaling during daylight. Continuous transmission, therefore, was conducted at two periods, beginning at noon and continuing until 10 o'clock at night. Thus a relative comparison was made between the intensity of the wireless signals sent during the day and those transmitted after nightfall. Quite logically, it was anticipated that the signals would be weaker during the day than at night. Astonishing was the result, however, that the strength of the signals during the day and evening was the same, irrespective of the period of time at which messages were sent. The signal strength of 8XK was about 100 audibility. This surprising result apparently explodes the theory that the absorption of wireless signals at short wave-lengths is greater during daylight than after nightfall. The Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards, however, withholds conclusions on this point until further experiments are conducted. It was raining in Washington and cloudy in East Pittsburgh on the day of the initial tests. The lack of fading, too,

was a gratifying observation, although conclusive evidence has not been obtained on this point.

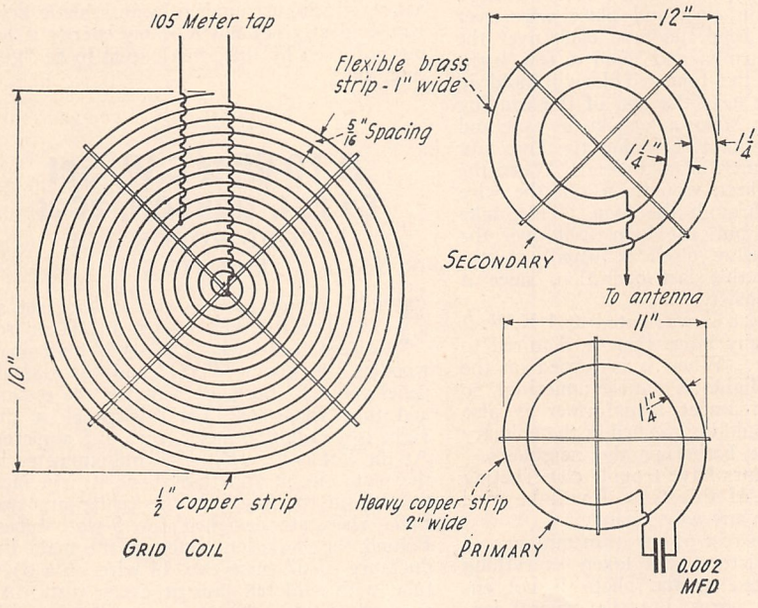
The results of subsequent daylight-darkness experiments were on this order: Cloudy weather prevailed at both the transmitting and receiving stations. The signals were not clearly audible during the early afternoon. At 3:30 in the afternoon, however, with the sun undimmed at East Pittsburgh and with cloudy conditions in Washington, continuous-wave signals were heard with an audibility of 170. Interrupted continuous waves could also be received at this time. The strength of the signals exceeded that of those of the previous tests. Fading was noted at 8:15 in the evening, a period of time during which the phenomena is usually assertive on the commonly used wave-lengths. The audibility during this particular evening ranged from 200 to 300, with the interrupted continuous wave averaging about 100. The measurements of audibilities, however, are only approximate, due to the interference from power induction encountered at the receiving station.

The Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards, accepting the results of these experiments as a criterion for judgment, concludes that radio-telegraph transmission at a frequency of 105 meters is altogether practical over a distance of 300 miles. This conclusion contemplates the use of the antenna and electric circuits described in this article. The advantages of this system of transmission are marked—a reduction of the interference from atmospheric disturbances and by the use of a small coil antenna at the receiving station the annoyance from "strays" is lessened. These observations have particular virtue from daylight transmission when radio communication is difficult in the summer months by reason of the prevalence of "static."

From 10 to 150 meters is practically an undeveloped range of frequencies which offers possibilities for use. Another series of experiments by Dunmore and Engel have already determined the feasibility of employing a 10-meter wave-length for directive radio transmission. Now, with the devising of a method of continuous-wave transmission at 105 meters, between the leeway of 10 and 105 meters there is practically an untouched band of frequencies. The exigency of experiments within this realm is forcibly suggested by the crowded and jammed condition of audio-radio-frequency range between 200 and 600 meters, with the resultant babble of confusion in the air.



The Complete Circuit Diagram of the 100-Meter C.W. and I.C.W. Transmitter, Using Four 50-Watt Tubes.



For Those Who May Be Interested, Complete Data is Here Given for the Construction of the Three Inductances Used in the 100-Meter Transmitter. Large Copper Stripping is Used so as to Minimize High Frequency Resistance.

The Amateur to the Rescue of the BCL

By KENNETH M. SWEZEY

ALTHOUGH pounding brass is a decidedly different diversion from listening to broadcast concerts, and the average amateur is a decidedly different personality from the average broadcast listener, the two have some things in common that bind them together, and it is to the advantage of both that amity and co-operation be cultivated. Up until this time the dissentient factors have been exploited, instead of the likenesses, with the result that antagonism was promoted, and a hot and bloody war was kept fired with fuel. But it is high time now that the tide should change, the conditions understood, and the partial consolidation put forward. There is nothing to lose, and everything to gain, so, the sooner the better. We will talk to the amateur now, and with his capabilities and needs in mind, try to enumerate some of the things he could do to help the broadcast listeners, and at the same time help himself.

The amateur has certain prior rights, of course, but he must also realize that his experience makes him a sort of older brother to the newcomer in the field, and he must excuse some of the faults of the fan and try to help him to do better. In this lies the big chance of service for the amateur. On account of his superior technical training, he can act as an instructor and guide.

This service may be rendered by individuals, but probably the greatest results could be obtained through the amateur clubs. There is hardly a locality in the country, where a number of amateurs abide, in which there is not some form of organization. Here is a power where the amateur has it all over his broadcast brothers; he is organized, whereas they are not. Could not there be some sort of an associate membership, in which the BCL's could enjoy part of the privileges, such as practical operating instruction, elementary theory instruction, and the designing and repairing of sets, without being bound down too tightly? Such a membership would mean more money and greater power to the amateur, because of the increased amount of dues and the increased numbers resulting therefrom. Additional money could be obtained for the treasury by maintaining a service station for the overhauling and the repairing of apparatus, and general consultation work. A description of some of the activities of one club that carried out this policy might be of interest and value to those who would like to follow suit.

This club at first had been strictly for amateurs, and as such it was red hot with life. Out of about 20 members, 15 were at least first-grade amateur operators, and several had first-grade commercial licenses. They had both a long-wave and a short-wave receiving set, and radio and audio fre-

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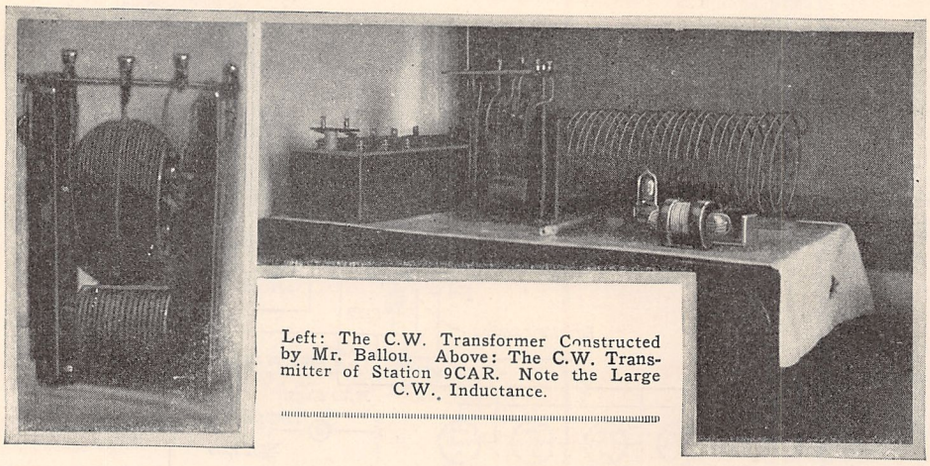
A Low Power C.W. Set

By R. P. BALLOU, 9CAR

FIRST HONORABLE MENTION IN OUR C.W. CONTEST



Left: The C.W. Transformer Constructed by Mr. Ballou. Above: The C.W. Transmitter of Station 9CAR. Note the Large C.W. Inductance.

THE following is a description of my home-made C.W. outfit, of which the most interesting and important part is the transformer. Therefore I shall give complete details of how I made it.

Now that spark sets are rapidly going out of style almost any amateur either has, or can easily obtain for a small sum, a one or one-half K.W. transformer. For a small sum I purchased a 1-K.W. Meteor oil immersed transformer for a starter, but nearly any make could be used as well.

I removed the top, disconnected the coil, and set it out to drain. By removing the bolts that clamped the core together the secondary leg was detached in about two minutes and the secondary coil slipped off easily without unwinding it.

I removed the secondary leg, wound it once around with a piece of cardboard and then with insulating paper and tape. On this I wound 30 turns of No. 14 D.C.C. wire, making two separate coils of 14 and 16 turns each, with a center tap on each.

This winding was then well covered with tape and insulating paper and a piece of heavy cardboard about 6″ in diameter was cut to just fit over it snugly in the center. On each side of this were then wound 1,100 turns of No. 24 D.C.C. wire, taps being taken at 800, 900 and 1,000 turns, on each winding. This required three pounds of wire. (Three ½ lb. spools on each side.) The size of the wire is unimportant, No. 26 or No. 28 could be used as well, and fewer number of pounds would be required. Smaller than No. 28 will be found hard to work with however.

Both sides were wound in the same direction, so as to be in series when the two inside wires were connected together, this connection also forms the center tap. The entire coil was wound by hand but only required a few hours.

Every time I wound on one hundred turns I wrote 100 on a small piece of paper, thus making it very easy to count the turns.

Before winding several strips of tape were placed across the core endwise and allowed to extend out about 6″ on each end. When the coil was wound these were drawn back over it and held it firmly together.

The entire winding was then saturated with hot paraffin and when cold the iron core was pulled out, the cardboard removed, and its space consumed by wrapping tape around the ring-like coil, passing it through the center each time. This completely bound the entire coil together. It was then snugly forced back on the core and the transformer re-assembled.

The method of holding the heavy wires in place while and after winding is shown in Fig. 2. To start the winding: First double the tape to give it added strength. Then lay it on core and place wire over the tape, and bend the tape back over the wire. Hold firmly, and wind a few turns of wire over the tape. This will hold it. When you get near the end of the winding finish up thus: Make a loop in the tape and wind over the tape, bringing the ends out between two turns near the end. When the last turn has been wound on, cut the wire and stick it through the loop. Then take the pliers and pull the loop tight over the end wire. Heavy cloth is usually better than tape for this last operation, since it will pull up easier.

Although the coil was rated at 1-K.W. it does not pull any more than is required to operate the set. When it is turned on the flicker of the lights is almost unnoticed, so if a regular filament transformer is also used the key could be inserted in the primary circuit without bothering the neighbors.

If any amateurs have trouble constructing a transformer of this type, I will be glad to help them in any way I can.

Now for the rest of my transmitter:

When the picture was taken everything was disconnected so the photo is not encumbered with wires, but the general layout is the same.

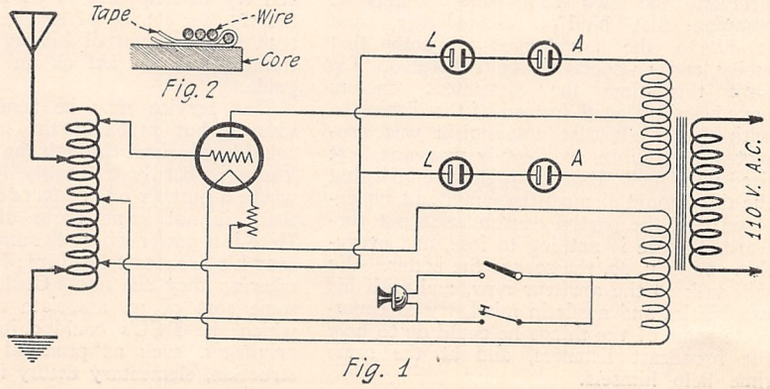
The inductance consists of 30 turns of No. 4 copper wire, in a coil 7½″ in diameter. I purchased this from a local dealer and mounted between a couple of strips of wood, which form a base.

The rectifier consists of 14 one-half pint fruit jars, with tops removed and mounted in the box as shown. The lead and aluminum strips are immersed in a solution of borax but I am going to change and use ammonium phosphate very soon. I am using the center tap on my transformer positive. If it is made negative the two aluminum strips on the rectifier should be connected together instead of the lead ones.

Only chemically pure ingredients and distilled water should be used. They cost more, but are well worth it. Also, it makes the aluminum strips last longer.

When filling the jars after evaporation use only distilled water. Do not put in any more chemicals. The chemicals do not evaporate and the addition of more will only cause crystallization around the edges of the jars, which should be avoided. Fill the jars with a *little* water, *often*.

My antenna system is nothing unusual. The aerial is a 4-wire flat top, sixty feet long and forty feet high. Directly under it is a 4-wire fan counterpoise about twelve feet high. The aerial is composed of stranded wire and the counterpoise of solid wire. The aerial lead-in is No. 6 and the counterpoise No. 14. Physical conditions here are favorable except for a high wire fence a block away, which surrounds a large athletic field. But evidently not much of my energy is being absorbed by this, for I seem to be "getting out."



Circuit Diagram of the C.W. Transmitter at 9CAR. Fourteen Rectifier Jars Are Used All Together, Seven in Each H.T. Lead.

Fig. 1

A 10-Watt C.W. Set

By F. I. DOBSON, 2CQI

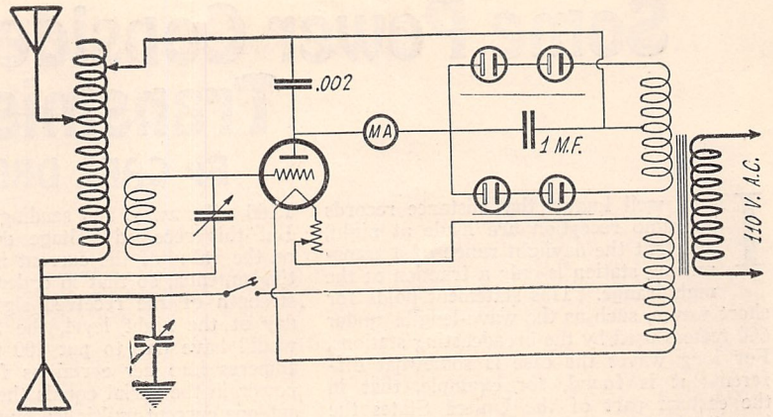
SECOND HONORABLE MENTION

THE circuit used in the 10-watt set at 2CQI is the well known 1 DH or reversed feed-back. The set is built on a wooden base about 13″x11″ and has a small panel about 5″ high in front for the meters and tube rheostats. On this panel at the right is a radiation meter, zero to 5 amperes. At the left is a zero to 500 milliammeter in the plate circuit and just above it, is a jack to plug in the key. In the center are two Fada rheostats designed for 5-watt tubes. Behind the radiation meter is the main inductance of 37 turns No. 14 wire on a 3½″ tube with soldered taps at every turn. At one end of this inductance a small tube with 25 turns of No. 18 bell wire slides in or out of the main inductance and is also varied by means of a 43-plate Murdock variable condenser. Behind the rheostats on the panel are two Radio Corp. transmitting tube sockets and behind these is a Faradon .002 mfd. condenser, which acts as a bypass across the plate supply. At the left end of the base are five spring clips for filament and plate current connections. The power transformer for this set is an Acme 200-watt

used with an electrolytic rectifier of 26 jars and a 1 mfd. Faradon filter condenser. The set is wired with No. 14 copper wire with all connections soldered and is so wired that when the key plug is removed and a modulation loop used very good results are obtained on phone.

Another feature of this set is an extra resistance in the filament lead which is arranged so that the filaments burn half brilliancy while receiving. This is done by a third blade on the change over switch which cuts out the resistance while sending.

Usually best results are obtained by using a tuned ground in connection with a counterpoise. The aerial at present is only a single wire T about 96 feet long and 45 feet high. This set has some very good DX records, for instance 1,200 miles on 10-watt C.W., 1,000 on 5-watt C.W., 100 on 5-watt phone, and 1,400 on 5-watt C.W. although as yet this last report is unconfirmed. The set has been heard in 26 states and Canada.



2CQI Uses the Reversed Feed-Back Circuit. Both a Counterpoise and Ground Are Employed to Advantage.

With 750 volts on the plates and about 7.5 volts on the filaments the radiation is 2½ amps. on 10 watts and 1.5 on 5 watts. The 10-watt set has hardly ever been used because results are almost as good on 5 watts.

A One-Tube Receiver That Brings Them In

By LEON W. BISHOP, 1XP

ONE of the most interesting and spectacular circuits for a single tube may be constructed for vacation use; it may be used in a car or at camp and requires little or no aerial. The circuit is the adaption of two Armstrong principles and really produces distance and clarity for a small constructional cost.

The success of any circuit depends upon the constants used, particularly this one which would seem to be a standard regenerative circuit, but is completely changed by a large tickler and variable grid leak.

This circuit has been designed for the new wave bands of 2,000 to 550 kilocycles (150 to 545 meters) and includes the amateur. The circuit is more efficient on the shorter wave bands, so it is possible to get the class B stations as loud as the Class A, which is not possible with other types. Due to great flexibility, the circuit will work equally well on phone, C.W., I.C.W. and spark, which will insure all classes of service no matter where you are.

This one-tube circuit set up in a car with a 4′ aerial, is equal to a three-stage radio frequency amplifier and detector. Due to the short aerial used it is possible to receive through bad static (QRN) and for this reason alone is of considerable value during the summer months.

DESCRIPTION OF APPARATUS

The two best tubes to use are the UV-199 and UV-201A. The rheostat should be of that resistance advised by the makers of the tubes. The "B" battery can be anywhere from 45 to 90 volts. The two fixed condensers, .00025 and .002, should be of the mica type. The variable condenser should have from 17 to 23 plates (.0003 to .0005 mfd.).

The variable grid leak is important and should be variable over a range of from 50,000 to 5 megohms. Several commercial types that were tried did not have the correct range, so it might be advisable to build your own, and for that purpose purchase a ten-cent roll of Dennison's BLACK picture binding paper tape the dull black surface of which is slightly conducting and can be readily lowered with a very soft lead pencil. This grid leak can be arranged with a sliding arm or switch and contacts, but it must be variable over a wide range and capable of fine adjustment.

Like the grid leak, the coupler is of special design and the following values should be adhered to. The best combination to use is the rotor and stator of a standard coupler wound as follows: The tube (stator) should be wound with as large a wire as possible, starting with 20 turns on the rotor side of the tube and tap off every 10 turns until you reach 120 turns, with 11 taps.

The rotor is also a real job, for it is tapped in a similar manner. Start on one side of the rotor with 40 turns and tap off every 10 turns until you have wound on 120 and you will have nine taps. These taps can be passed through the rotor shaft to switch points on the panel, or a switch may be mounted on the rotor. Fine wire may be used on the rotor to accommodate the 120 turns necessary.

A warning is issued against the use of shellac on the windings; firm windings may be obtained by drilling holes at each tap and binding the wires in them.

Do not use honeycomb coils. Either double or single switch arms may be used, and 180-degree type of coupler. Do not tap the coils any coarser than 10 turns, but finer if desired.

OPERATION OF THE CIRCUIT

The best antenna or collector system is to connect the variable condenser at point A to a good ground; no other connection is necessary. There are five adjustments on the set: 1—The grid tuning coil, 2—the tickler coil, 3—the coupling between these coils, 4—the variable grid leak and 5—the variable condenser. The filament rheostat is not critical, so this is not regarded as an adjustment.

As the tickler coil and grid leak are increased, a super-regenerative condition will be met with and the pitch of this note can be varied by the grid leak and should be adjusted until it is above the point of audibility, when only a slight hiss is heard in the phones. At this point a wonderfully sensitive condition exists for all classes of phone and C.W., and will tune in contrastingly clear as compared with any single-tube circuit you ever operated.

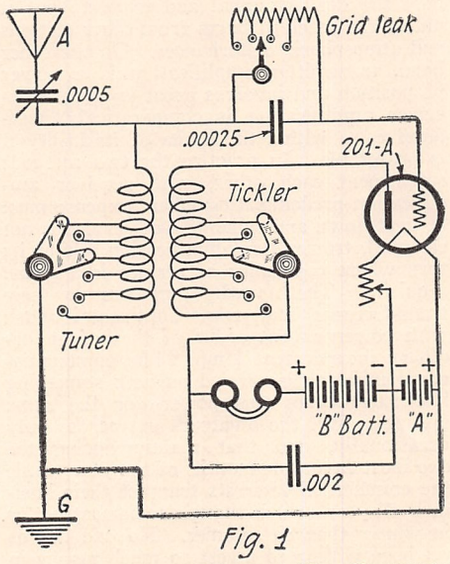


Fig. 1

This is an Improved Form of Ultra Regenerator in Which a Super Regenerative Action is Obtained. If Properly Adjusted, the Variation Frequency is Super-Audible.

A given wave-length is tuned in by means of the variable condenser and grid circuit tuning coil; the tickler and grid leak are merely adjusted to conform to this condition. The resistance of the grid leak should be so arranged that it will give out a screaching noise as it is increased and follow through an intermediate series of pure notes until it passes out of audibility with a range of adjustment on either side.

The right polarity of the tickler coil in the plate circuit will have to be tried out by reversing the leads until the best results are obtained.

This is a standard circuit and may be used as such with an aerial and ground by reducing the tickler coil turns with the switch. With an aerial and ground the circuit can be used for transmission with a power tube and increased "B" voltage. All classes of "super" results may be obtained, which makes it an ideal vacation outfit.

There are several aerial combinations that work well; one of the most interesting is to connect the point G to the ground and touch the moistened finger to point A. For apartment houses, two combinations can be used: 1—Connect the point G to ground and the point A to some metal object or a small aerial in the room and 2—just connect the point A to the ground.

To operate the set in the car, connect the point G to the frame of the car through the steering wheel and the point A to the metal top or a small aerial in the top of the car.

When camping out, the best collector seems to be a wire from the point A to a ground connection about six or eight feet from the set; a short aerial may also be used.

If this is a "super," it is far superior to anything you have ever tried before in that line and it may be due to the fact that there are no large coils, condensers, or resistances to impede the real action of what a "super" might be, if given a chance.

MECHANICAL THEORY

You have often turned the variable condenser of a standard regenerative set up to zero

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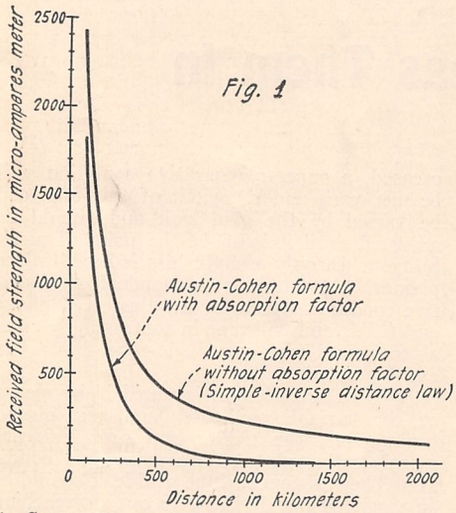
Some Power Considerations In Radio Transmission

By CARL DREHER

IT IS well known that distance records in radio reception are made at night, and that the daylight range of a transmitting station is only a fraction of the night range. This statement holds for short waves, such as the wave-lengths under 600 meters used by the broadcasting stations. For long waves the case is somewhat different; it is found, for example, that in the eastern part of the United States the best hours for reception from Europe are in the morning, after daybreak, until early in the afternoon, and the commercial cir-



A Graph Illustrating the Effect of Absorption of Energy at Low Wave-Lengths.

cuits between Europe and the United States are worked at their fastest during this interval. But this is on 12,000 meters and up. When it comes to broadcast reception, however, a good many listeners cover their 1,000 or 2,000 miles after dark, although limited to a range of not over 100 miles in daylight. The telegraph amateurs, likewise, do all their brilliant relay work in the still hours of the night.

An interesting question arises: By how many times would these low-wave stations have to increase their power in order to cover, in the daytime, the distances which they frequently span at night, under favorable conditions? Lacking experimental data and insight into the energy relations of radio transmission, one's first tendency would be to estimate 20 times, perhaps, or something on that order. The correct figure is no less than 10,000 times! That is, 500 watt stations like WJZ or WEAF, in order to be heard as far by day as by night, would have to increase their antenna power to the unheard of value of 5,000 kilowatts!

This conclusion at first seems fantastic to the practical radio man, but it is the result of actual observations by engineers given in a recent paper.* The S. S. *America*, westbound, sent signals during the night, when she was about 72 hours out from the Atlantic coast and over 1,000 miles from the United States, and these were measured for intensity by the engineers at Elberon, N. J. During the night the field strength at Elberon, expressed in millionths of a volt per meter or receiving antenna height, was over 200 units. At sunrise this fell to a value of two units, and remained at this point during the day. In other words, the receiving aerial at Elberon received 100 times as much voltage from the *America* at night as in the daytime, when the vessel was about 1,100 miles away, and sending on 373 meters. But this received voltage depends directly on the value of the current in the transmitting antenna, so that in order to sustain the strength of the received signal during the day at the night level, the S. S. *America* would have had to put 100 times as many amperes into her aerial as formerly. The power in the aerial equals the *square* of the antenna current multiplied by the antenna resistance. In order to get twice the antenna current, we must inject four times as much power; to triple the antenna current, nine times the power is required; in order to get an antenna current 100 times as strong, the set must be 10,000 times as powerful. From the commercial standpoint, this is, of course, a prohibitive requirement in the above case. The vessel could not carry a power plant large enough to supply the radio set and turn the propellers at the same time, nor would there be space for the erection of an aerial large enough to radiate the power if it were available.

Fundamentally radio transmission is a problem in amplification. In a radio telephone set we take the comparatively feeble energy of the human voice, which, unaided, can cover only a few hundred feet, and amplify it to power level by electrical means. This power is radiated in the form of an electric field and most of the energy is lost in space. The authors in the paper quoted above say, "In the radio telephone circuits which were operated in the experimental work the power in the sending antenna to that in the receiving antenna is in the ratio of roughly ten to the tenth power." That is, for distances of the order of several hundred miles, as an engineering proposition, we can expect to pick up only about one ten-billionth part of the energy we manage to put into the transmitting aerial. So, in order to get a workable signal, we must amplify once more and recoup, in a measure, the space losses. But there is an important difference between amplification at the transmitting end and at the receiving end. The latter is general amplification—it brings up not only the desired signal, but the interfering signals of both man and nature, including static. The former is individual amplification; it raises only the desired signal and tends to put it out of the reach of harm from other stations and atmospheric disturbances. On the other hand, transmitter amplification is a power proposition and involves great expense. Receiver amplification is comparatively inexpensive, so within the limits of its utility it is preferable. In practice the two methods supplement each other, with receiver amplification predominating where expense must be kept down and reliability of service is not essential, transmitter amplification taking its turn where continuity of service is a prime requisite. That is why amateurs do their trans-Oceanic and trans-Continental work with power on the order of that of an ordinary incandescent lamp, while commercial communication is carried on with something like 5,000 times this power for the same distance. But the amateurs get across only occasionally, and that mainly during the two most favorable months of the year, while the commercial interests transact their business all year round, though somewhat better in winter than in summer. No one has as yet been willing to invest so much money in the transmitter that the service would be absolutely unaffected by the increase in static during the summer.

The crystal receiver is about the only type still in use which depends entirely upon the transmitter for its signal. Consequently its range is comparatively limited. In this connection it should be noted that a receiving set may amplify even without the use of tubes specifically known as amplifiers; a single bulb regenerative set has a much greater signal current in the plate circuit than is received from the aerial and delivered to the grid, regeneration being, in fact, the most useful, widely employed and economical form of radio frequency amplification.

The familiar Austin-Cohen transmission formula is

$$I_r = \frac{188\ h_s\ h_r\ I_s}{R\ \lambda\ d}$$

where

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h_s=height or transmitting antenna in meters.

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I_s= current in transmitting antenna in amperes.

R=resistance of receiving antenna in ohms.

λ= wave-lengths in meters.

d=distance between stations in kilometers.

This is the simple formula for the ideal condition of no absorption in the space between the stations. Later the absorption factor which must be added when the formula is used for actual engineering calculations will be discussed. The simple formula, however, may be re-written for purposes of analysis as follows:

$$I_r = \frac{188}{\lambda\ d}(h_s I_s)\frac{(h_r)}{R}$$

This resolves the formula into three divisions, the first containing the constant 188 and the factors common to the two ends of the circuit, namely, the wave-length and the distance between the stations; the second

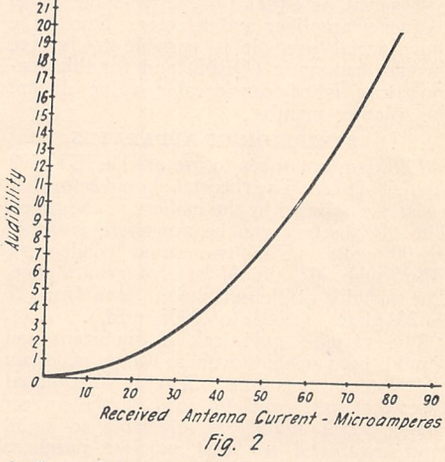

Fig. 2

A Curve Showing How the Response of a Detector Varies with the Received Current.

division referring to the transmitting station, and the third to the receiving station. The received current is greater the shorter the distance between the stations, of course, and goes down inversely as the distance increases. This must be so because the radiated energy must spread over the circle where radius is "d" and the circumference of this circle is $2\pi d$. Also, we see that for the condition of no absorption the shorter the wave-length, the better, as far as radiation is concerned.

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See H. W. Nichols and Lloyd Espenschied, "Radio Extension of the Telephone System to Ships at Sea," Proceedings of the Institute of Radio Engineers, Vol. II, No. 3, June, 1923.

Everyday Observations of the Beat Phenomenon

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PROBABLY one of the most important principles employed in radio today is the principle of beat production. The designer is always concerned about the production of beats. He is, as a rule, either attempting to produce them or eliminate them. Certain radio devices depend upon the production of beats for satisfactory operation, while the production of beats is fatal to others. The production of beats has been widely used in radio and for this reason many have the impression that the principle has no other field of application. It is the purpose of this article to call the readers' attention to a few of the everyday examples of the production of beats which are not associated with radio, and to stimulate, if possible, an interest in this basic principle which will result in its more general use.

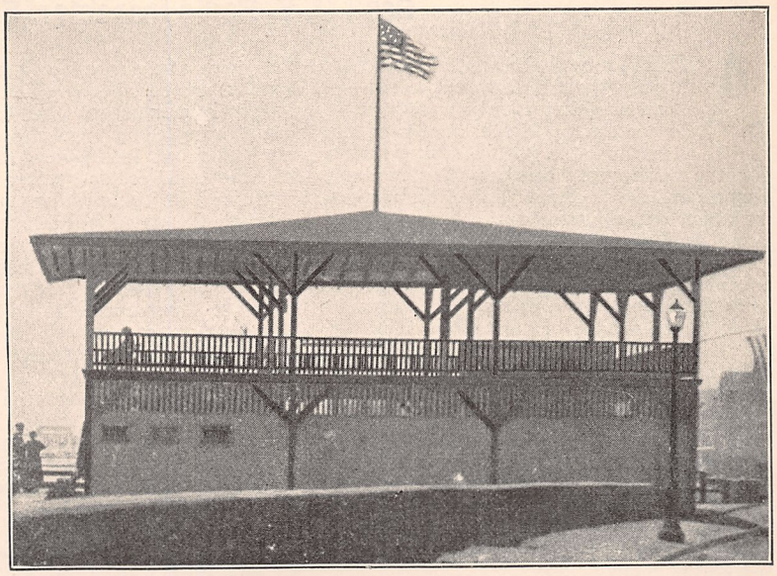


Fig. 3. Visible Beats Produced by Two Picket Fences in the Same Line of Sight.

THE CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR BEAT PRODUCTION.

Beats are produced when two regular periodic impulses exist simultaneously, providing the periods of the impulses are slightly different. (The word *impulse* is used here to

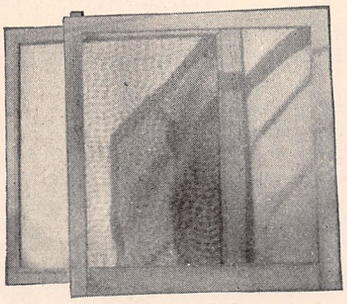


Fig. 4. Beats Produced by Two Window Screens Placed in the Same Line of Sight.

indicate any sort of disturbance.) To those who are familiar with radio, the idea is easily understood. For example, a 3,000,000-cycle wave associated with a 2,999,000-cycle wave will produce a beat frequency of 1,000. If these component waves are sine waves, the variation in the resulting beat impulse will be of the same form. If the component impulses are not simple waves, the resultant will, of course, be irregular in contour. However, as long as the component impulses are regular and periodic (as long as they repeat regularly), the resultant will be some form of beating impulse. The frequency of the resultant is always equal to the difference of the component frequencies. In electrical work it is quite usual to employ smooth waves and, as a consequence, the resultant wave is also smooth. In other fields it is not convenient to use smooth waves, but it is possible to employ some sort of regular recurring sequence of events and thus make possible the production of beats.

THE DETECTION OF BEATS

We are able to detect beats in sound, providing the components are distributed with respect to *time*. For example, two strings vibrate with slightly different frequencies; the result is an audible beating effect.

We are able to detect beats visually if the components are distributed with respect to *space*. For example, lay off a few marks regularly spaced on a piece of paper and repeat the process on the same paper using a slightly different spacing. The result will show regular beats which, of course, are visible. (See Figure 1.)

We are able to detect beats by our sense of feeling, if the components are distributed with respect to *time* and are capable of producing appreciable motion. For example, in a certain piece of machinery there may exist two independent vibrations due to the natural period of certain parts of the structure. These two vibrations result in a slow and regular beating of the machine as a whole. By placing the hand on the frame of the machine, this effect is readily detected.

SOME FAMILIAR EXAMPLES OF SOUND BEATS

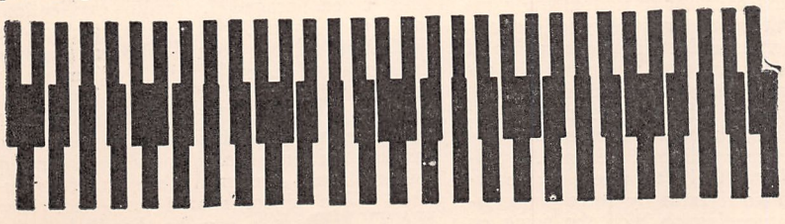
Beats resulting when two tuning forks of slightly different pitch are operated simultaneously.

Beats resulting when two strings of a musical instrument are slightly out of tune.

Beats resulting when two electric currents of slightly different frequencies are applied simultaneously to the magnet of a telephone receiver.

Beats resulting from the interaction of harmonics of a musical note.

One could extend this list to a considerable length with very little effort, and the analysis of each case would doubtless lead to some interesting results. The results of these investigations will possess one feature in common. In each case there will be found two or more sound disturbances, each having a regular period.



Beats Resulting from the Existence of Two Series of Regularly Spaced Marks, Each Series Having a Slightly Different Spacing.

Fig. 1

SOME EXAMPLES OF VISUAL BEATS

Beats resulting from the existence of two series of regularly spaced marks, each series having a slightly different spacing. (See Fig. 1.)

Beats resulting when two picket fences are seen in the same line of sight. (One being visible through the other.) (See Fig. 3.)

Beats resulting when two window screens are placed in the same line of sight. (See Figs. 4 and 5.)

Beats resulting when observing the spokes of a wheel through the spokes of another, as for example, the wheels of a passing automobile.

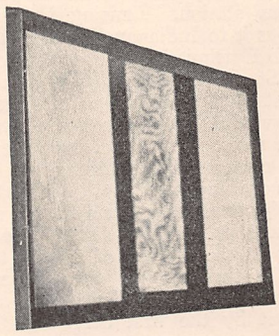


Fig. 5. Visible Beats Produced by Two Window Screens as Seen from an Angle.

Beats resulting when looking at an ordinary electric fan through the blades of another, both fans, of course, being in motion.

Beats resulting in motion pictures of automobile wheels, airplane propellers, etc., due to the fact that the time between exposures is not far from the time between similar positions of the spokes or propeller blades.

The mottled effects in some of our most beautiful fabrics are frequently due to the existence of two layers. These peculiar and changeable effects are the results of two more or less regular fabrics constantly changing in relative position.

Beats are visible in the natural folds of a lace curtain due to the overlapping of two or more layers of fabric.

An ordinary electric fan, when in motion, may show some peculiar effects if viewed under an electric lamp. If the lamp is operating an alternating current, the light

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The Amateur Traffic Problem

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A VERY, very serious mistake is occurring nightly in the amateur world—— a mistake that is worthy of grave consideration. In the opinion of the writer it is the greatest single reason for the controversy between the broadcast listener and the amateur. This is the method in which actual amateur message traffic is being handled. The broadcast listener asserts that the amateur is not performing any useful work. The amateur stoutly maintains the opposite, and points with justifiable pride to the service of amateurs during the period of late hostilities. This, however, only brings forth a grudging assent from the opposite faction who immediately counters with, "Well, what are you accomplishing NOW?" And then the particular amateur under fire swells up with pride and cites as an example of their peace time activities, the free relaying of public messages to practically any part of the United States. Facing the facts, this is a joke! Let us see why.

Accepting a message from a sender imposes a real obligation on the amateur to put it through. The operator with whom the original message is filed, sees as his one and only object the moving of that message to some other station at the earliest possible moment. Now here is where the joker enters. It is apparently UNIMPORTANT to WHAT particular station it is forwarded as long as it leaves the station of origin, thus relieving this latter of responsibility. A message originating in Columbus, Ohio, for instance, destined to St. Louis, will in all probability go from Columbus to Lansing, Michigan, because Lansing happens to answer a "CQ west" transmitted by the Columbus station. Lansing in turn probably gives it to Indianapolis who further relays it to Cincinnati, thence to Louisville and finally St. Louis, provided it has not become lost enroute, as many do. The obvious method would have been for Columbus to get that message to Cincinnati, then Louisville if necessary and finally St. Louis, a much more logical route, eliminating two absolutely unnecessary relays. It would be much more preferable to delay the message an hour at the station of origin, to enable pushing it through via the proper route, than to cause two or three days' delay by routing it by the first described "zig-zag" route.

LOOK AT THE MAP FOR SHORTEST ROUTE

The possible explanation for poor routing of messages appears to the writer to be due to the failure of amateur operators to determine the location of a station before they give him traffic. Coming into the air with his own transmitter at station 8DAG, in January of last year, the writer was given traffic by numerous stations for relay without a "QRA" and at a time when the writer's address had not yet appeared in any call book. The station was "somewhere in the eighth district," which to them seemed to be sufficient QRA. Innumerable times messages have been offered by second and third district stations for relay BACK into THEIR OWN DISTRICTS, they, apparently, "assuming" 8DAG to be on the eastern border of the eighth district, when in reality it was on the extreme western line. The prize came one evening when a message originating in Toronto, Canada, destined for Boston, Mass., was offered the writer, then in Cincinnati, Ohio! Trace it on the map!

Passing on to the next subject in connection with amateur traffic handling methods, suppose we consider the time element. Immediately a message (the word being generally accepted as symbolic of quick communication of intelligence) takes a length of time equal to, or greater than, the time consumed in transmitting such intelligence through the usual postal routes, it defeats its purpose. But when it requires, in an overwhelming majority of cases, a period of time far in excess of that consumed in forwarding communication by the old "pony express" or stage-coach route——then it becomes a laughable attempt at accomplishment. And the politely shielded smile which meets the boaster of "free public messages via amateur radio" bears this out. The time element MUST be reduced! Part of the fault——perhaps the largest part—— is due to the faulty routings which we have already discussed.

THE author of this most interesting article is an old-timer who, knowing the problems of amateur Radio, is well qualified to suggest remedies for the present conditions, and what should be done for the good of the art. He has owned and operated amateur stations:

"MA" (Prior to 1912 law) Paterson, N. J., 7HP, 7NG, 7FZ, 7OE, 8DAG at various periods since 1909. He has seen service in practically all parts of the world as wireless operator, afloat and ashore, and has instructed in radio schools, both military and commercial. He had five years of radio operation, installation and maintenance in the U. S. Navy, including a year in Naval Overseas Transport Service during the late war. He served as Supervisor of Traffic at a high power naval center station, was operator of Alaskan high power circuits, Chief Radio Engineer in a prominent manufacturing company and is now Assistant U. S. Radio Inspector for the eighth radio district, with headquarters at Detroit, Mich. He has held all grades of U. S. Radio Licenses including extra first grade commercial.

Another large share of the blame rests on the shoulders of the various operators through whose stations the message passes. Irresponsibility is the proper name for it. It is said that no enterprise will receive proper attention nor render an adequate service that does not bring financial gain. Amateur radio must be the exception; in fact it should be almost a RELIGION with the amateur station owner and operator to uphold the game by demonstrating the reliability of service that can be expected from amateur radio. If an amateur does not care to assume the responsibility incident to moving message traffic with despatch, which sometimes means late hours through heavy interference and bad atmospheric conditions, he has ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHT to accept traffic offered him in good faith by some conscientious station working to keep the game on its proper level!

Doubtless the writer will be severely criticized for these bald statements, and records such as the fast transmission to Hawaii from Connecticut with only one relay in Minnesota, be quoted as indicative of proper routing and fast communication. But, such records are so exceptional, compared with the average methods of communication by amateur radio, that they become the subject of leading articles in the radio journals, with photos of the stations and owners! They are even considered unusual enough to warrant space in the daily press! Undoubtedly a marvelous accomplishment, but to make amateur radio accomplish a REAL purpose, these records must become the common-place and poor routing and time be the exceptions. The writer does not necessarily mean that long jumps and split-second time as in the Hawaiian relay become the rule, but merely that good, common, horse-sense should result in a message filed in Philadelphia in the evening, destined for Chicago, reaching there by an almost straight line, employing but two or three relays, in a few hours from the time of filing. This can be done between average stations under prevailing conditions.

UNIMPORTANT MESSAGES CAUSE QRM

It is perhaps foolish to dwell on the utter foolishness of the majority of matter transmitted as messages. However, as we are well started on our subject, let us at least generalize on this point. Not so long ago the air was badly "spattered" with, "Greetings by radio." This became such a common form of message that often a station would call another, give him such a message and say, "Rest all same body, hr nr 2 to ———sig———" etc., until he had run off a string of ten or twelve. Utter rot, and the stations in time came to realize it and voluntarily began to refuse to handle such messages when offered. In a short time, they very naturally became practically extinct.

During the last winter and spring season, a new "nigger in the wood-pile" appeared in the form of messages reading, "Thanks for card. Will QSL," or similar "intelligence." These appeared to an even greater extent than the "Greetings by Radio" type had formrely done, and, towards the close of the season, efforts were well under way to stamp out this newer menace by the same system of refusal of those offered. They are pretty well in the minority now, but what next? Why not show some discrimination in the acceptance of traffic that is meaningless? This discrimination should be directed towards the sender, for once we have accepted a message for transmission it is our moral obligation to see it on its proper way. The fault in cluttering the air with useless messages lies in the amateurs themselves, and in their organizations. There has been, and still is—in fact it is on the increase each month—a mad scramble for large message totals. This is encouraged by radio publications and a good natured rivalry instituted among the better stations to see who can turn in the greatest monthly total of messages handled. This is WRONG, positively and absolutely wrong! It is spoiling the game and causing dissatisfaction between the various factions second only to improper routings and consumed time in transmission! The object should be——not how MANY messages can be handled——for we already know the physical limitations of amateur radio transmission——but what

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Silent Code Will Reduce Interference

By S. R. WINTERS

THE invasion of a heretofore unutilized band of frequencies for the transmission of radio telegraph signals is contemplated by the Signal Corps of the War Department in the application of the recently proposed modification of the Morse telegraph alphabet. The resumption of activities of the Signal Corps Radio Research Laboratory, located at the Bureau of Standards, with the transferral of Lieutenant Colonel J. O. Mauborgne from Chicago to Washington in charge, signifies the earnestness with which this branch of the Federal government is attempting to apply the new telegraph code system.

"This plan proposes to enter the unused infra-audio range, which would not only add a most useful band of frequencies to those now used, but would give a band below the range of the human ear," asserts Major General George O. Squier, Chief Signal Officer of the United States Army, who is shown in the exclusive photograph, reproduced with this article, operating the machine for transmitting the modified Morse telegraph alphabet. For the reason that this method of signalling is capable of utilizing a band of frequencies not audible to the human ears, it has been picturesquely referred to as the "silent code."

The Chief Signal Officer of the Army recites a patent fact when he states that "the radio engineer has utilized and made his own all of the audio-frequency range and at least several octaves of the radio-frequency range, and has devised apparatus for the amplification and rectification of both of these ranges, audio and radio." If additional bands of frequencies are opened up as avenues of travel for radio-telegraph signals, so to speak, the existing interference experienced in the reception of music and speech by means of radio telephone receiving sets would be appreciably obviated. "This method of eliminating interference is the most effective," avers Major General Squier.

The kind of interference just referred to is that due to the congestion of the atmosphere with the offerings of song and story by the approximately 550 broadcasting stations operating on a limited band of wavelengths ranging from 200 to 600 meters. Then, too, there is the major confusion, which this proposed code system would obviate, namely, the signals transmitted from arc and spark transmitters of the radio telegraph stations. Aside from these forms of artificial interference, man-made as it were, there are the natural atmospheric disturbances, in other words, "static."

The sending of the telegraph alphabet by varying the intensity of the three elemental signals instead of the transmission dots, dashes and spaces according to different time intervals, would probably aid in the suppression of atmospheric disturbances. Certainly, the new code system operating on modulating frequencies of a very low order, would encounter "static." The latter, also, is believed to be impulses of a low frequency —varying from 200 to 300 cycles a second. The proponents of the modified Morse telegraph code express the belief that instrumentalities can be devised for distinguishing between atmospheric disturbances and the low modulating frequencies on which the orderly signals are borne.

The ability to differentiate between atmospheric disturbances and the low modulating frequencies employed by the new Signal Corps alphabet is indicated by experiments. It is observed that a modulating frequency as low as 10 cycles a second—a very high frequency for ocean cable practice—corresponds to 75 words a minute. This exceeds that of any form of sound reception. A modulating frequency of 60 cycles per second, the normal power frequency, is equivalent to a rate of transmission of 450 words a minute, allowing five letters to the word.

Major General George O. Squier Seated Before His Machine Which is a Portion of a New System for the Transmission of Signals at Very Low Frequencies. Instead of a Make-and-Break System the Signal Intensity is Varied.

If, however, this rate of transmission is incompatible with the traffic conditions, it is only necessary in the sending of the Signal Corps code to make the same perforations in the transmitting tape correspond to a suitable even multiple of a semi-cycle in order to slow up the speed to any desired value. To illustrate, by making each of the signalling units correspond to six complete cycles of current instead of one semi-cycle, the rate of transmitting this telegraph alphabet is reduced to 37½ words a minute, a speed corresponding to commercial signalling. Wave trains are used as the signalling elements in the Signal Corps system. The ratio of the lowest frequencies employed in radio telephony to the modulating frequencies considered in the modified Morse alphabet is of the order of thousands.

The new system of signalling as such, by means of which dots, dashes and spaces are sent by varying their intensities, has already been fully discussed in the pages of this magazine. However, its application as contemplated by the activities of the Radio Research Laboratory of the Signal Corps, at the Bureau of Standards, advances this radical method of signalling beyond the stage of mere theory. The use of the new alphabet as a method of signalling in the event of future wars, doubtless prompts the Signal Corps to lend its present energies toward practical application.

Its significance in times of peace, however, contemplates a conservation of the avenues of communication, familiarly known as ether lanes. The radio telegraph and radio telephone are both clamoring for room, comparable to a "pack-and-jammer" trolley car in which the occupants hang onto straps with bull-dog tenacity. Figuratively, the crowded ether lanes are in this condition today. The prevailing confusion is even cumulative! Now, according to the invention of C. Francis Jenkins of Washington, D. C., the broadcasting of photographs through space is not a remote accomplishment. Still but another step, recently demonstrated in his laboratory, motion pictures may be eventually dispersed in a manner not greatly dissimilar to the present method of broadcasting music and speech.

Little wonder is it then, that Major General George O. Squier in advocating the application of the modified Morse alphabet vigorously emphasizes the exigency in these words, "The conservation of the ether lanes is suddenly rising to international importance. In addition, the daily growing uses of radio for the solution of auxiliary problems such as range finding, navigation, beacons, etc., further serve to complicate the problem which will require and demand additional ether channels to serve the public of the near future."

STATE COLLEGE TO TEACH RADIO BY CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence courses in radio reception and transmission are now being offered by the engineering extension department of the Pennsylvania State College. According to N. C. Miller, head of the department, this new bit of extension service has been instituted in response to a large number of requests that have been received.

The course is divided into two parts, each with its own text and assignment pamphlets. The first part establishes principles, and suffices for the ordinary student. It takes up common electrical phenomena, radio circuits, the vacuum tube, amplification, sources of power, transmission circuits, and applications of radio.

The second part is a continuation for those desiring advanced instruction and goes more

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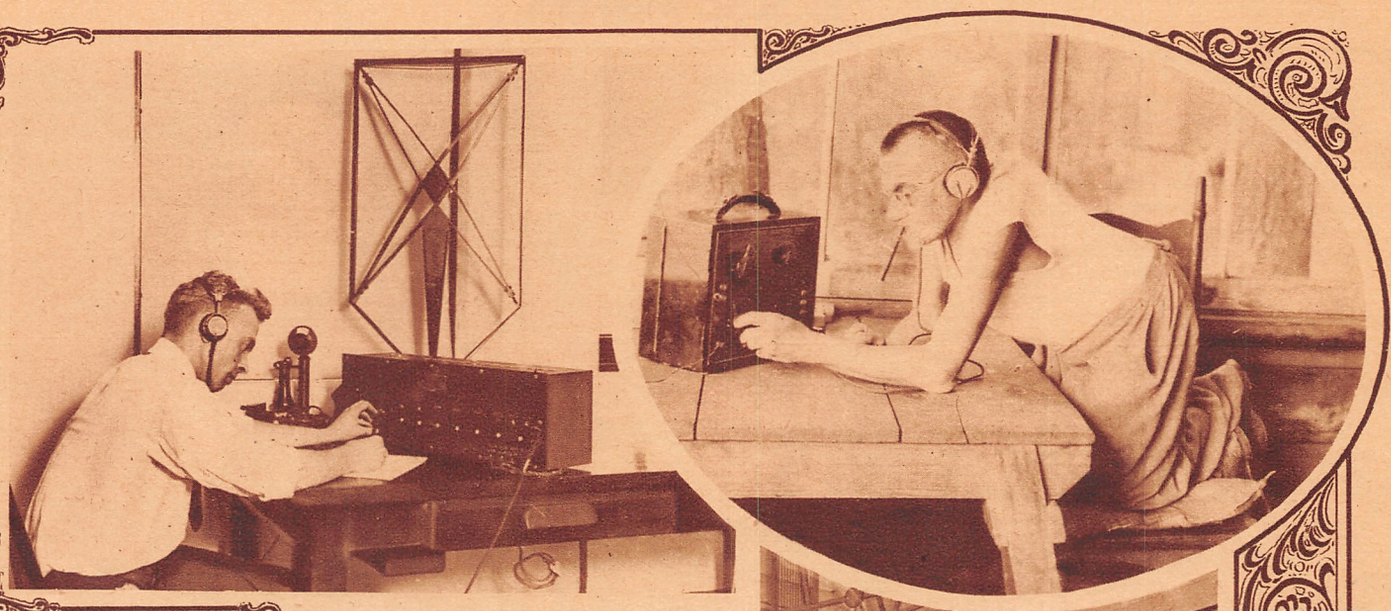
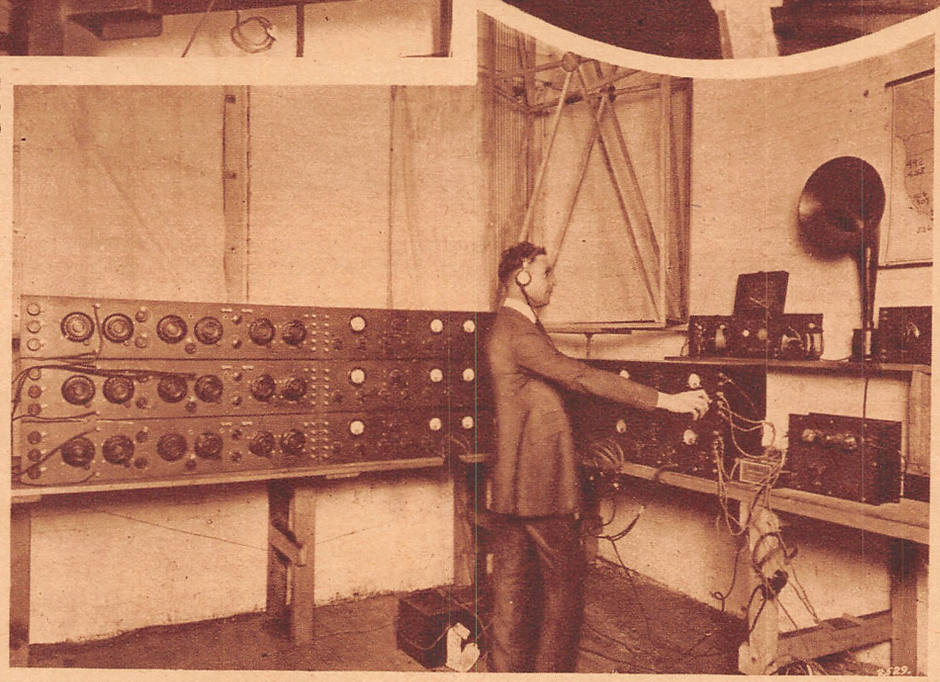
Radio In the Professional Field



Above: The Super-Heterodyne Receiver Used at Station WCAP at Washington, D. C. Seven "N" Tubes Are Employed in This Set, Three of Which Are for Radio Frequency Amplification, One as Oscillator, Two as Detectors and One as an Audio Frequency Amplifier. Note the Loop Aerial Behind the Cabinet. ©Kadel & Herbert.

Above Right: Dr. C. P. Steinmetz, Chief Consulting Engineer of the General Electric Company, is an Enthusiastic Radio Fan. He is Here Seen Adjusting the Small Set Which He Uses at His Summer Camp on the Mohawk River, near Schenectady. He Gets Most of the Larger Stations with His Set, But His Favorite Naturally is WGY, the General Electric Company Station at Schenectady.



Mr. Golden, in the Laboratory of the Experimenters' Information Service, New York City, Doing Quite a Stunt in the Way of Multi-plex Reception. He is Receiving Five Distant Stations on Five Separate Super-Heterodyne Receivers at the Same Time. This Well Proves the Selectivity and Ease of Control Possible with These Sets. Practically No Interference Was Noticeable During the Experiments.

Amateur Radio In the Orient

By ROY A. ANDERSON

THE thought of the average amateur has been taken up with his own achievements, and to a large extent he has ignored the foreign radio bug; in point of fact it can be said that he has hardly even stopped to think that there might even be such a thing. There is though, and some of those in Europe have recently brought themselves into the limelight.

There are only a few others, perhaps, but they're there. Who? The Oriental fan, novice, amateur or bug, whichever name you think suits him best.

A recent trip to the Orient enabled me to get the idea that they were there. Limited time, though, rendered it practically impossible to see any amateurs personally. In Kobe, Japan, the first thing that struck my eye was a sign in English proclaiming a branch of a Tokio radio store.

In Hong Kong I was fortunate enough to talk with a radio man. While legislation there is far from being as lenient as in America, it is better than in China or Japan (remembering that Hong Kong is an English colony).

Rather than tell my uninteresting experiences in rounding out little or no news I will give some extracts from some of the oriental papers, relating incidents which happened while I was on the other side.

A Shanghai paper contained the following item:

"At a meeting of the Shanghai Amateur Radio Society at the National Y. M. C. A., Tuesday, Professor C. H. Robertson, the vice-president, said there were several radio organizations in Shanghai among foreigners and Chinese, and suggestions had been made for a federation of all of them, in order to put amateur radio effort on an inclusive footing."

From this item one can readily see that not only the foreigners—Americans, English, etc.,—but the Chinese themselves are interested in the game. The very fact that organizations have already been formed shows that it has been there, and even though legislation is unfavorable to the large majority, there are those who mean to stick

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Carl W. Klenk's Station 9AAU

STATION 9AAU employs two transmitters, No. 1 for voice only and No. 2 for C.W. only.

Both transmitters receive their plate supply from a 1,000-volt Emerson generator, employing as a filter system two 1½-henry chokes and 1 mfd. condensers. This produces a pure D.C. note for transmitter No. 2 and the modulation is as nearly perfect as possible on transmitter No. 1. Positively no generator hum is noticeable.

Transmitter No. 1 uses two 50-watt tubes in the Hartley circuit with the Heising system of modulation. The plate voltage in this case is cut down to 850 volts by means of a field regulator. On 200 meters, this transmitter radiates 3.8 thermocouple amperes.

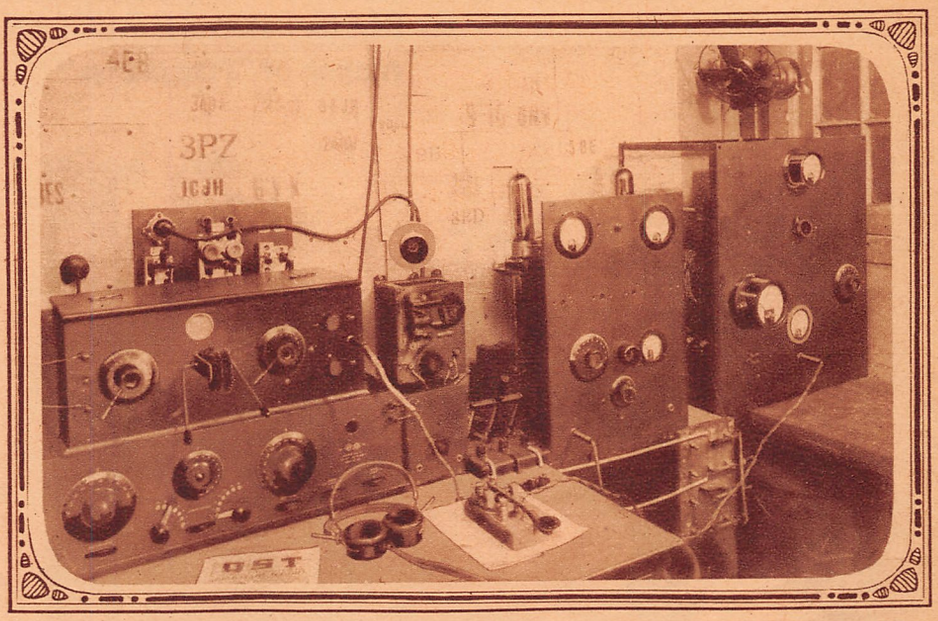
Transmitter No. 2 uses three 50-watt tubes in parallel using the famous 1DH circuit, 1,000 volts on the plates. On 200 meters this set radiates from 5.0 to 5.5 thermocouple amperes.

The antenna is of the ordinary flat top "T" type, with an 8" cage lead-in directly to the set. The masts are 55' high and 55' apart. The antenna is composed of eight No. 14 wires on a 14' spreader, the actual length being 50' and actual height from earth 50'.

A counterpoise somewhat different from the conventional type is employed, consisting of 24 No. 14 rubber covered wires, 60' long, lying directly on the earth.

According to Hoyle, a counterpoise should give best results when suspended directly under the antenna and suspended 10' to 15' above the earth. We tried this type and got fairly good results, but in an endeavor to eliminate the unsightly appearance by having a lot of wires suspended over the greater part of a small back yard, we placed eight insulated wires directly on the earth and were surprised at the result. We increased the number of wires until we reached 24 and found that this not only did away with the unsightly appearance of so many wires but actually increased the efficiency of the transmitters.

In addition to this we employ a tuned ground composed of four 2" pipes driven 8' into the earth.



A Well Designed Station Which Has Been Heard In New Zealand, Canada and the Azores. Two Separate Transmitters Are Used For C. W. and Phone.

At this time the wires of the counterpoise are completely covered by grass and cannot be seen, doing away entirely with the unsightliness and also permits children to play in the yard without interfering in any way with the wires.

Two receivers are used: a Grebe CR-8 and a home-made three-circuit spider-web receiver.

This equipment is housed in a small 8'x8' shack in the rear of a 35'x70' back yard.

9AAU has been in existence for about 2½ years a 1-K.W. spark being first employed and replaced later by a 20-watt C.W. set.

The new transmitters were installed in the early part of this year. Nothing of any great importance was attempted prior to this spring. Since March 15 9AAU has been quite active and since the completion of the above described counterpoise, about June 1, 9AAU has been heard nightly and consistently.

9AAU was heard in May and June by F. D. Bell of Waihamo, Otego, New Zealand and in the Azores in July by the Rev. A. F. Drake of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange, Texas. This station has also been heard in Hawaii, Alaska, every district in Canada, Canal Zone, Panama, Cuba and in every State in the U. S.

Every district including Canada has been worked during the summer.

The best heard reports during the hot weather, July and August were from 7SE, 7PZ, 6AO, 2PF, 1BRQ, 1BHJ, 1BOA, 2DAB, New Zealand and the Azores, and many others.

The equipment, including receivers and transmitters, except of course the Grebe CR-8, were built by the operator who is 15 years old.

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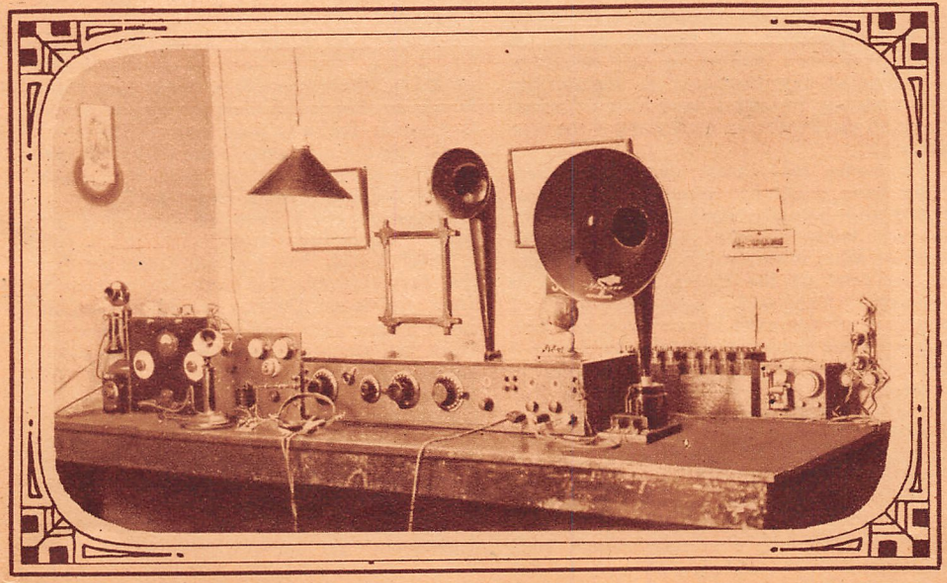
J. R. Watson's Station 3JV



THE transmitter at 3JV, which is shown at the extreme left is a ten-watter, employing the Stanley reversed feed-back circuit. The filter system consists of 14 jars with ammonium phosphate solution 2-mfd condenser, and a 5-mh. choke. Absorption modulation is used for local phone work. Radiation obtained is 1.7 hot-wire amperes on straight C.W. and 1.2 amperes on phone.

This Well Laid Out Station Comprises a 10-Watt Transmitter and Standard Regenerative Receiver With Amplifier

The aerial is a five-wire cage, 80' long and 50' high. It is tapped in the center and a 6" cage leads directly to the instruments. An eight-wire fan counterpoise is located 20' below.

A three-circuit variometer receiver, with two steps of audio freqeuncy amplification is used. Amateurs in every district but the sixth have been copied through the Magnavox.

J. R. WATSON.

The Great Radio Message From Mars

By ELLIS PARKER BUTLER

Author of "Pigs Is Pigs"

He Had No Success Whatever Crystallizing the Limburger Cheese After It Had Been Boiled. It Would Not Form Itself Into Crystals. It Formed Ropes and Slabs of Limburger Linoleum and Soup, But it Would Not Form Crystals. It Formed Odors So Strong that the Roof Flopped Up and Down and the Foundations of the House Palpitated, But it Would Not Crystallize.

TO receive a message from Mars has long been the hope of many of our eminent scientists, for it is known that the planet has an atmosphere capable of supporting human life, although it is believed—because the weight of a given mass at Mar's surface is only three-eights of the weight of the same mass at the surface of the earth—the men of Mars must be very much larger than the men on our earth. Certainly they would be far larger than Mr. Ithuriel Duff, of 564 Sausage Street, Hoboken, N. J., for he is what one might justly call a mere shrimp. And yet, small as Mr. Duff is, his is the honor—as he himself admits—of having received the first message by radio from Mars.

There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Duff did receive such a message, and on a crystal set, for the facts were given me by an official of a state institution. This official was a large muscular man and he wore a uniform with a cap to match, and I always believe anything a man in a uniform tells me. This official's name is Casey—Michael Francis Xavier Casey—but he is called Mike for short. By his intimate friends he is addressed as Bum-nose Mike, but this is only because at one time he was a prize-fighter and one of his opponents, as Mr. Casey himself says, gave him a "biff on the smeller." But that has nothing to do with the amazing discovery of Mr. Duff.

I found Mr. Casey, when I went to interview Mr. Duff on behalf of the Upper Flushing Scientific and Annual Clambake Association, most agreeable. His uniform was of a greenish brown cotton stuff, and on his cap and the flap of the collar of his coat was a number—number 47, in fact—in what at first seemed to me gold numerals. I later decided they were not gold but only brass, either highly polished or gold-plated.

"Mr. Casey, sir," I said, "I have come to interview that distinguished radio scientist, Professor Ithuriel Duff, on behalf of the Upper Flushing Scientific and Annual Clambake Association. While we have read rather complete accounts of Professor Duff's discoveries, and several papers on them have been written by our members, and read at our meetings, a dispute has arisen among us, and I have been delegated to interview Professor Duff and get the true facts.

"It seems, Mr. Casey, sir," I continued, "that some doubt has arisen whether Professor Duff actually heard from Mars itself. As you know, sir, the eccentricity of the orbit of Mars is very much greater than that of the orbit of the Earth, being 0.093 as compared with 0.017, less the usual 2 per cent off for cash in ten days, and this has led some doubting minds to hold that—the refraction of the ether wave being in inverse ratio to the normal vote for Bryan on Tuesdays not falling on Sunday—Professor Duff really received a message from one of the moons of Mars, and not from Mars itself.

"You are undoubtedly aware, Mr. Casey, sir," I said, "that the two moons of Mars were discovered by Professor Asaph Hall in Wahington in 1877, conformably to the prediction of Kepler, and realizing the fancies of Swift and Voltaire."

"Is that the Swift that has the big slaughter house in Chicagy?" asked Mr. Casey.

"No, Mr. Casey, sir," I said.

"Then I don't know him," said Mr. Casey.

"Do you know Mr. Swift of Chicago?" I asked politely.

"No," said Mr. Casey, "I don't know him neither. I don't know no Swifts, and I don't want to know no Swifts. I don't want to know nobody; I know too many folk already."

"But you no doubt do know, Mr. Casey, sir," I said, "that the inner of the two moons of Mars, Phobos, revolves in less than eight hours, so that to an observer on the planet it rises in the west and sets in the east; while the outer moon of Mars, Daimos, revolve in thirty hours, so that it appears nearly stationary for a long time."

"Have ye got a chew of tobacco in yer pants?" asked Mr. Casey.

"No," I said, "but you can easily see that this fact indicates that radio waves coming from the moon Daimos would be audible for a longer time than those from Mars or from the moon Phobos, because the moon Daimos moves slowly, while Mars revolves—"

"I'd give me left ear for a chew of tobacco, that I would!" said Mr. Casey. "P's'nally I like the soft kind. The dry kind chews longer, but the soft kinds spits freer. I was always a great one for spittin'! I says to me wife, many's the time, 'What fun does a man get out of chewin' if he don't spit?' Now, when it comes t' cigars—

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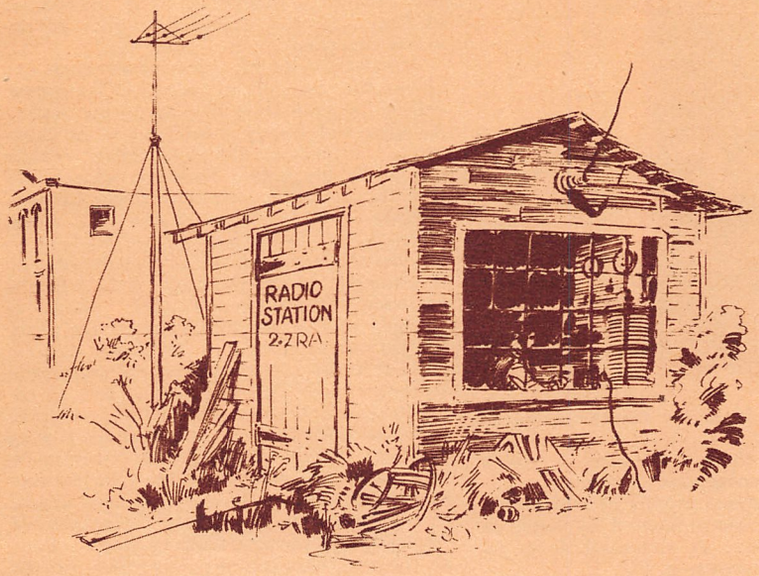
The Amateur's Huge Gain from Broadcasting

By I. R. TANNEHILL



Broadcasting Has Been the Stepping Stone for Many a Good "Ham." From the Romantic Little Shack in the Back Yard, They Have, for the Day at Least, Stepped Into Professional Boots.

IT is said that Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, ordered his telephone taken from his residence because the ringing annoyed him. Years ago, when Henry Ford drove his first flivver on the streets of his home town, he had the road all to himself as far as "horseless carriages" were concerned. Today, no doubt, Henry, driving about the streets, is sometimes tempted to cuss the frequency of cheap flivvers that jam the public thoroughfares, though all of his own manufacture.

Likewise, just a few years ago the amateur operator could sit down and pound the brass at any hour of the day; no one cared whether he was accurately set on 200 meters or more, but today he must adjust his working hours to suit a great multitude of people who jam the ether in the evening hours, cruising about from broadcasting station to broadcasting station, driving through the fairyland of radio music on cheap receiving flivvers designed and constructed in lots of a hundred thousand by the self-same operators.

The amateur, as chief radio engineer, manufacturer, inventor, salesman, proprietor of the retail store, or technical editor, has built these receivers, or sold them or supplied the parts and instructions for building them.

Henry Ford built the flivver and now is rated as the world's wealthiest man. Has the amateur realized anything from the great broadcasting boom that he himself fathered?

Although the Majority of Broadcasting is Weak Stuff When Compared to the Swing of a "Brass Pounder," We Are All Interested in the Baseball Scores, Prize Fights and Occasional "Good Dope" That is Transmitted.

WAITING FOR THE PARCEL POST MAN

Do you remember, Brother Amateur, a few years back when you needed a new part for your transmitter or receiver, how hard it was to get it? There were radio stores in a few of the larger cities, but in other sections of the country, no matter how badly you needed the apparatus, you were obliged to forward your order and subsequently make many anxious trips to the Postoffice before the thing finally arrived. There was one fellow who made his own variable grid leak, but he always had a suspicion that he wasn't getting the results he should reasonably expect. Therefore, he decided to purchase a variable grid leak and compare the results from it with the results he obtained from his pencil marks. At that time there was only one variable grid leak on the market, the price of which was $3. He ordered it in October and the following March received a letter from the manufacturers saying there was insufficient demand for variable grid leaks and they had decided to quit making them!

Today, there is a radio shop in every town of any size; they all sell variable leaks for less than a dollar. And when you blow up a five-watter these days you don't have to wait six months while the manufacturer's glass-blower recovers from the influenza. The broadcasting craze has financed a very convenient radio service shop in your home town.

SHOWING COUSIN JOE THROUGH YOUR STATION

Remember how it used to be when cousin Joe or uncle Al came to visit and wanted to see your radio set? You proudly showed them the old spark set and then the receiving transformer and the crystal and they wanted to hear something. So you tuned in the Arlington time signals and told them that

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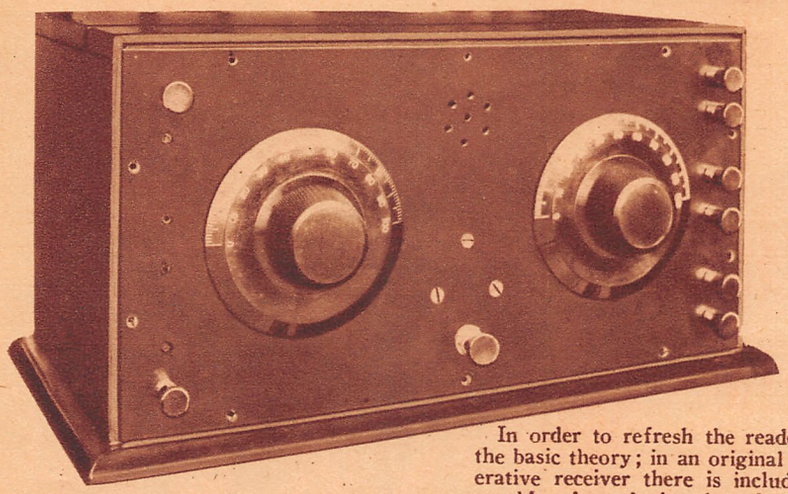
The Autoplex Circuit

By M. L. MUHLEMAN, A.M.I.R.E.



Front View of the Autoplex Receiver Built by the Author. There Are but Two Operating Controls.

IN the development of anything in the world of science, progress depends greatly on the theory of its operation. Branching off from the presented and much too often accepted theory usually has its difficulties.

It seems that there is a tendency for all those who have investigated the peculiarities of super-regeneration, to follow only the beaten path of the basic theorization. With good reason, however, since valid proof has been given for the action so admirably conceived and explained by Major Armstrong.* Any particular development or new theory, it is felt, should at least be presented so that it may be studied by all. That is the prime purpose of this article.

It is not the author's intention to disprove the theory but to point out that under the proofs given, other actions are possible, these actions coinciding as well with the peculiar functioning of the receiver. Since no opportunity has been afforded for substantiating the statements in the form of checking the actions by the use of laboratory equipment, the statements made can only be taken as speculative. All points taken into consideration are based primarily on the results of past investigations and secondarily on the perceived actions of the simplified form of circuit worked out during the experiments, and described in this article.

For the sake of consistency, the primary description of the simplified receiver will be interwoven with the outline of the by-theory until that point is reached where both receiver and by-theory are comprehended. A more general description of the circuit and its component values will then be taken up.

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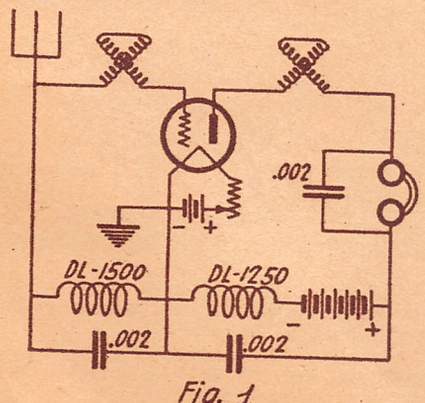


Fig. 1

A Conventional Form of One Tube Super-Regenerative Receiver, Utilizing Tuned Plate Regeneration.

In order to refresh the reader's mind on the basic theory; in an original super-regenerative receiver there is included a circuit capable of producing low frequency oscillations. This consists usually of two inductances of large values shunted by fixed or variable capacities. A simplified form of such a circuit is shown in Fig. 1.

ALTHOUGH one of the most sensitive, the Super Regenerative circuit developed by Major E. H. Armstrong, did not meet with great popularity among the amateurs. Immediately after its appearance in the various radio publications, a great number of experimenters tried the circuit but seem to have abandoned it after a short trial. However, some experimenters foreseeing the possibilities of this sensitive system, kept on working and obtained remarkable results with Super Regenerators of various types.

We are pleased to present to our readers a simplified form of Super Regenerator Developed by Mr. M. L. Muhleman who has been working on this circuit for a long time. In the accompanying article, are given all the necessary data for the construction of a similar set which is very sensitive and easy to operate, having only two controls. We shall be glad to hear from those of our readers who try this receiver and we shall publish in subsequent articles more information about this ideal single tube set.

In the basic theory of super-regeneration it is stated that the low frequency oscillations produced locally are impressed upon the grid of the vacuum tube and, having alternate positive and negative values, so effect the grid-filament circuit as to make it periodically of positive and negative resistance. During the periods at which the grid-filament circuit is of negative value, not only is there a negative resistance offered to a signal frequency impressed on the circuit, but due to the regenerative action of the circuit proper, this signal current is free to build itself up to an enormous value. The self-exciting characteristics of the circuit are held in check by the periodic manifestation of the positive halves of the low or variation frequency, which change the resistance of the grid-filament circuit to a positive value. This value in either case is dependent upon the amplitude of the variation frequency. These actions are presumed to take place within certain time intervals, they being in relation to the frequency of the oscillations produced by the low frequency generator. The illustration of Fig. 2 gives a clearer conception of the action described.

A sister theory of super-regeneration excludes the mention of negative resistance, mainly because it is elusive to the understanding and highly theoretical in its character. However, the conclusions remain practically the same. In short, we are told that the variation frequency tends to periodically shift the locus of the tube action from one to another point on its characteristic curve; a form of bias if you please. For an example, during the negative half of the variation frequency the grid voltage is changed so that the tube is operating along the portion of the curve for which no grid current flows. At this locus the characteristics are such that the tube is free to regenerate in the usual manner, and continue to do so until the variation frequency goes positive, thereby shifting the locus to a point where, as you please, the tube becomes inoperative, or the efficiency becomes so low as to represent a positive resistance or "damping" in the grid-filament circuit. Thus at the end of each negative cycle of the variation frequency the tendency of the circuit to become self-exciting is defeated by the introduction of a positive cycle or damping effect.

A complete study of the theory of super-regeneration leaves the individual confident that long distance reception should be possible. This has been accomplished in a number of instances but the usual super-regenerator falls short on this point.

It was the search for long distance reception that led to the by-theory and the design of the simplified circuit. During the period of experimentation a three-circuit regenerative receiver in conjunction with one stage of audio frequency amplification was taken as a standard to work up to. Holding in mind that "simplicity is the keynote of efficiency," attempt was made at reducing the number of parts used in the first receiver, the circuit of which is shown in Fig. 1.

The results of the experiments with this circuit proved conclusively a number of facts. First—that long distance reception was an impossibility no matter what form of collective agency was employed (due principally to shock excitation produced by local stations). Second—that the type of collective agency used for the reception of nearby broadcast and amateur stations mattered little. A ground connection was sufficient and fair results were had without any collective agency whatsoever. Third—that the circuit had a broadness of tuning that made it unsuited for reliable reception. The variation frequency was bothersome as well. These experiments covered a period of two months.

Further experiments were then carried on in an attempt to overcome the difficulties which presented themselves in the first series. Since no advantage was gained by

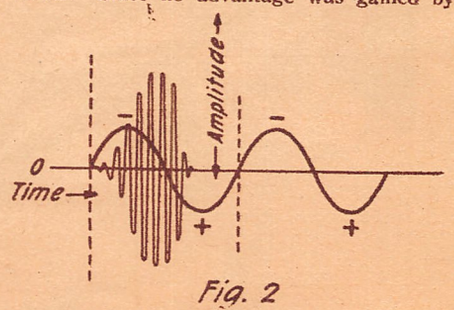
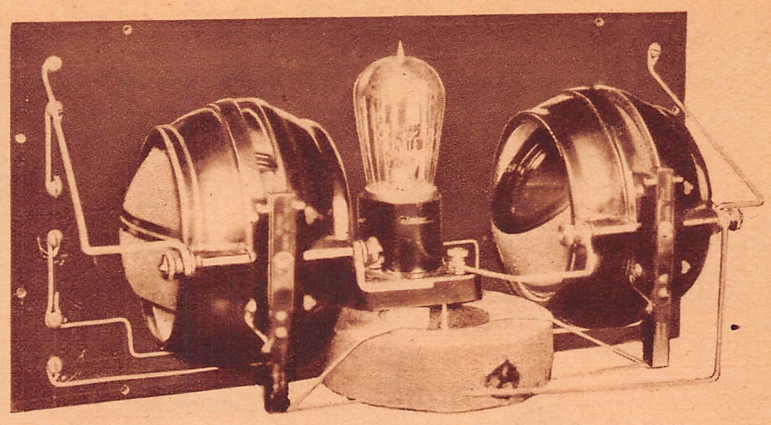


Fig. 2

During the Negative Halves of the Variation Frequency Free Oscillations Impressed on the Circuit Are Considerably Amplified.

employing a low variation frequency (being detrimental to clear reception) the values of the capacities across the low frequency inductances were decreased and finally eliminated. The by-pass capacity shunting the loud speaker was found to be unnecessary and also eliminated. The circuit thus resolved itself into the form shown in Fig. 3. Where the coupling of the low frequency inductances was of importance before it was now a minor consideration. This circuit proved superior to that of Fig. 1. Reception was possible from greater distances. The variation frequency was noticed only when its presence was remembered. A little better success was had with the tuning, it being considerably sharper. At the termination of the experiments with this



A Rear View of the Autoplex Receiver. Two Variometers and a Large Honeycomb Coil Are the Main Factors.

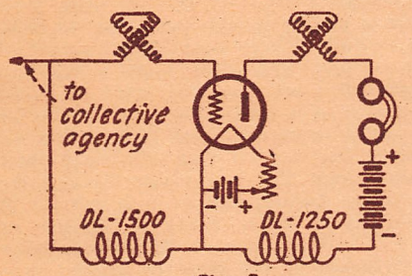


Fig. 3

Better Results Were Obtained by Eliminating All Lump Capacity in the Circuit.

modified circuit, no coupling at all was used between the two low frequency inductances.

Without covering needless details, another modification was made in the form of eliminating one of the low frequency inductances, thus producing the circuit shown in Fig. 4. This was quite a radical change but proved to be of worth. There were now but two controls, the rheostat adjustment being of little importance. Better opportunity was afforded for studying the characteristics of the circuit. This arrangement worked very nicely and proved superior to the previous circuit in both district reception and clarity of signals. The volume obtained was about the same. No other collective agency was employed aside from a ground connection.

During the experiments with the circuits of Figs. 3 and 4 it was found possible to receive the long wave arc stations. The low frequency oscillator inductances were of course responding to these higher waves. The most interesting point though was that the variation frequency was present at all times during their reception and that considerable amplification was being obtained. It was here that exception was first taken to the basic theory of super-regeneration. The application of a number of points brought forth by Major Armstrong in later experiments with super-regeneration cast a bit of light on another angle of conception. In the early part of 1922 oscillograms were taken of the electrical impressions in a super-regenerative circuit. These when developed, showed interesting phenomena, the most important of which was the presence of radio-

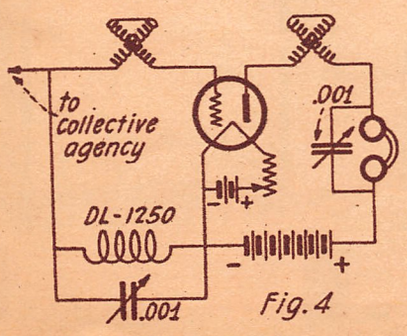


Fig. 4

Eliminating the Plate H.C. Coil Improved the Overall Efficiency of the Circuit.

frequency oscillations during the negative halves of the variation frequency. These free oscillations manifested regularly and proved conclusively that during the negative halves of the variation frequency the circuit was self-exciting. This phenomenon, however, as Major Armstrong explains,* is well in accordance with the theory originally given, the proof being in the fact that the free oscillations produced during the negative cycles are comparatively small in relation to those produced by a signal frequency. Further proof than this cannot be given, therefore this action taking place is open to varied conceptions. The author wishes to point out two actions that will apply themselves in both theory and practice.

It will be remembered that with the changing of the low frequency oscillations from positive to negative, the resistance of

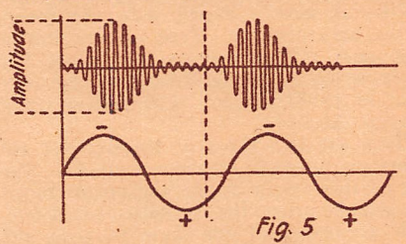


Fig. 5

Local Free Oscillations Occur During the Negative Cycles of the Variation Frequency.

the grid filament circuit is periodically changed. Of more importance, the locus of the grid voltage curve is shifted for each cycle of the variation frequency. If the circuit itself is so adjusted (by means of the variometers—See Fig. 3) as to oscillate at radio frequency while the variation frequency is on a negative cycle, the radio frequency oscillations would be checked at each positive cycle of the variation frequency. As a continued action this would produce a series of radio-frequency groups, a group for each negative cycle of the variation frequency. These groups would change in amplitude due to the damping effect on the grid-filament circuit of the varying negative half of the variation frequency oscillations, as they progress from zero to zero amplitude. Such a production is shown graphically in Fig. 5.

We have, therefore, a circuit continually oscillating at two distinct frequencies, namely a radio frequency controlled by the inductance values of the two variometers and a low frequency controlled mostly by the L-C of the large inductance and partially by the value of the two variometers. It is evident that the radio frequency oscillations are periodic, appearing in the circuit only during the negative halves of the variation frequency, their duration relative to the time period of one negative half of the variation frequency and their amplitude changing as the negative half of the variation frequency progresses from zero to its peak and back to zero. (See Fig. 5.)

*Proc. I. R. E., August, 1922.

It is possible that the frequency of the free oscillations is varied during the course of the negative halves of the variation frequency, since the grid voltage varies in accordance with the progression of the negative cycles. Whether such a condition is present or not is not of major importance.

Another means by which a speech frequency can be received when such an action is taking place, may be understood by referring to the theory of "Homodyne" or zero beat reception. For zero beat reception of speech and music a radio-frequency oscillation is locally produced which equals in frequency that of the incoming carrier wave. These two frequencies nullify each other in the circuit proper and leave but the audio frequency component of the original wave. This type of reception has been impractical due to small and uncontrollable variations in either the radio frequency carrier wave or the locally produced frequency—in either case producing a beat note. In other words the zero beat position is most difficult to hold.

Presume though that we have a circuit in which is produced a variation frequency of 12,000 cycles and in which free oscillations occur during every negative cycle. Should a carrier frequency of 1,000,000 cycles be impressed on this circuit and the frequency of the locally produced free oscillations be raised to the same value by adjusting the constants of the circuit, it is evident that these equal frequencies would counteract each other and produce zero beat, leaving but the audio frequency component of the carrier wave. If either the carrier wave or the local free oscillations could change in their frequency so as to differ by so much as a sub-audible or audible frequency there would be the tendency to the formation of a beat note. In another form of receiver a beat would be produced but in this arrangement it is immediately checked. This can be understood by reference to Fig. 6 where a time period of 2/12,000 of a second is represented. It is seen that the free oscillations for one nega-

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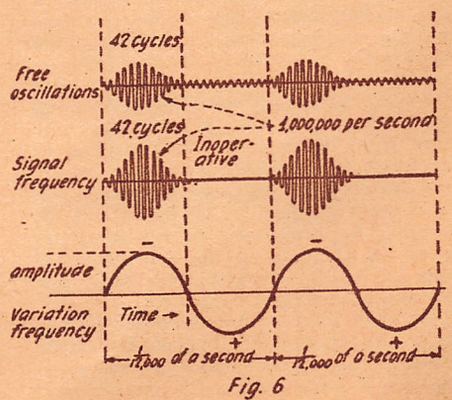
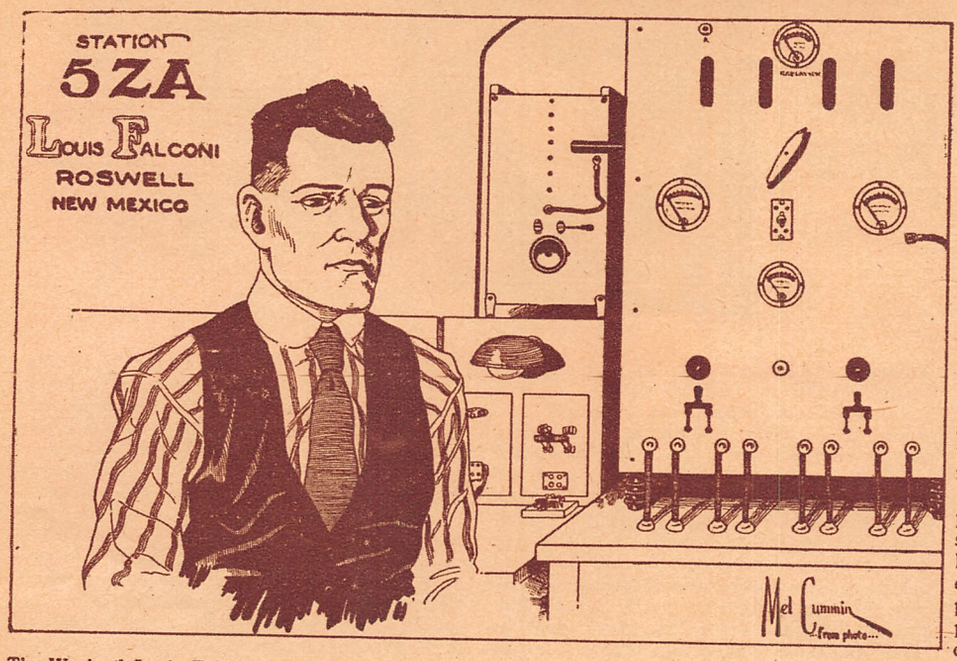


Fig. 6

A Graphic Illustration of the Action That Takes Place in the Circuit Upon the Receipt of a Signal Frequency.

Pointers for the New Amateurs

By A. L. GROVES, 3BID



The Work of Louis Falconi in the Amateur Field is Well Known from Coast to Coast. He Grabbed the Hoover Cup Last Year, Which is Enough to His Credit to Make the Newcomer Desirous of Emulating his Successful Career. We Would Be More Than Proud to Own Such a Station as 5ZA.

LOOKING over the various Radio Magazines and papers of today, the old timer naturally wonders how far this thing is going, while the new amateur's head is filled with such an array of circuits, instruments and technical material that he knows not what to do, what to select or what to expect.

It is for the benefit of the latter that this article is written, and in it I will endeavor to point out in a non-technical way some of the whys and wherefores of radio receiving as it applies to the general amateur.

The best thing that any beginner can tackle is the Armstrong regenerative three-circuit tuner arranged especially for amateur wave-lengths. Such an instrument, plus one stage of audio amplification, is the recognized standard in receiving and all other instruments and circuits should be compared to it in signal strength, selectivity and distance, combined with its ability to give consistant, everyday service with the minimum of trouble and expense before setting up a howl that something "new" has been discovered.

There are several circuits more sensitive than this, among which may be mentioned the Super-Regenerator in any form, the Super-Heterodyne and Radio Frequency Amplification in its several forms.

While each of these has its place in radio communication, the beginner should never attempt them until he has thoroughly mastered the operation of the standard regenerative set and positively knows that his location and ability will allow something more sensitive to be used to advantage.

The above is in no manner intended to discourage experiments, for these are to many the very life of radio, yet unless one has a good standard to go by, it will be impossible for him to tell if he is progressing or retrograding in the four principal points i.e., signal strength, selectivity, distance and consistency.

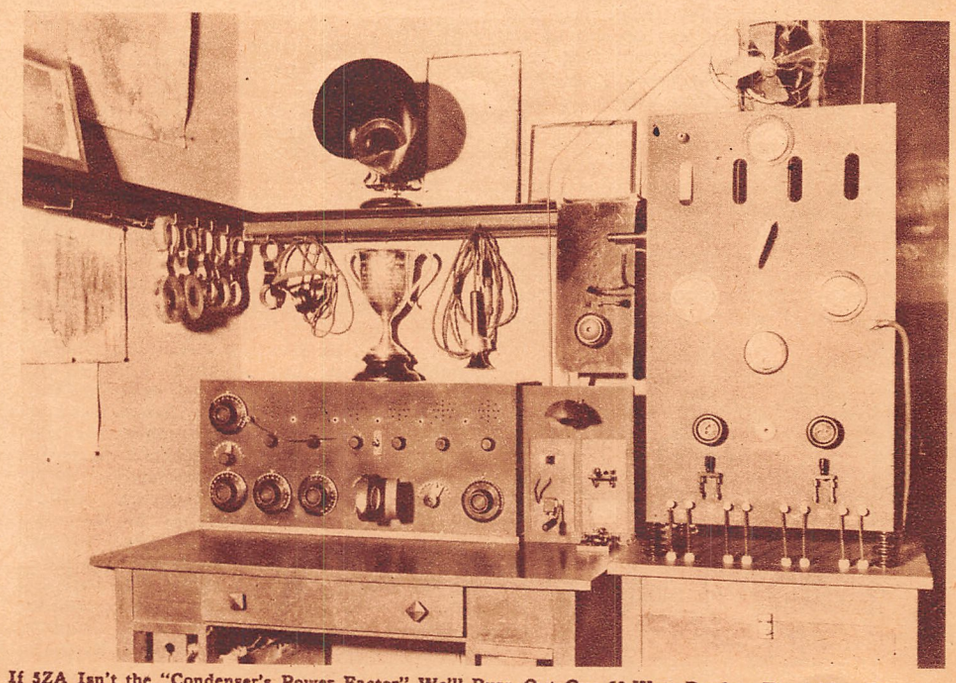
The design of the regenerative set itself is very important, but for all general amateur purposes, this narrows down to the usual three-circuit (tuned primary, secondary and plate) type. Let those who will boost the single circuits and other freak arrangements, but the real amateur who goes ahead and works day in and day out through many difficulties is usually found with the three-circuit arrangement. True, it requires a little more skill to operate such a set, but where is the real ham who does not take pride in exhibiting his skill and securing superior results?

There are two types of three-circuit regenerative tuners in common use today. The first of these types is the variometer tuned sets and the other, the condenser tuned sets. Both are excellent for their purpose, the variometer sets being exceptionally well suited to maximum signal strength from spark or phone stations, while the condenser tuned sets are unexcelled for the reception of C.W. signals and are capable of the highest selectivity possible to obtain with a regenerative set. In some cases the set may be a combination of variometer and condenser, using the variometer in the plate circuit and the condensers in the primary and secondary circuits and is perhaps the ideal arrangement where preference is not desired between phones, sparks and C.W. signals, as it combines high signal strength with a fair degree of selectivity.

In determining the efficiency of any present day set, atmospheric conditions and local electrical disturbances must be considered and the amateur will do well to take into consideration the fact that in most cases there is usually enough static, etc., to make the reading of very weak signals almost, if not entirely, impossible when a standard regenerative set, plus one stage of audio amplification is used. Therefore, so far as the set is concerned there is very little or nothing one can do that will make these weak distant signals readable through the prevailing disturbances, as each increase in sensitivity of the set either for distance or loudness will also increase the static or other disturbances in the same or greater proportion as the signals are increased. Your personal skill in operating the set and its careful construction will determine how far you can receive under given atmospheric conditions or local electrical interferences and no further increase in sensitivity will allow you to receive further under the same conditions.

Often during the winter months, and occasionally at other times, atmospheric conditions are such that the faintest signals are not interfered with and at such times sets of greater sensitivity may be used to advantage for distant reception.

The first and most practical addition towards increasing the sensitivity of a regenerative set is the single-stage tuned radio frequency regeneration. Such a set offers very little more expense and tuning difficulties than the regular regenerative sets and no additional instruments are required except the tube, tube-socket and rheostat. Using a good radio frequency tube, such as the UV-199 operated from a 6-volt battery with a 60-ohm rheostat on the negative filament side, UV-200 as the detector with a 4-ohm



If 5ZA Isn't the "Condenser's Power Factor" We'll Burn Out Our 50-Watt Bottle. Everything Placed Where It Should Be and Nothing That Is Unnecessary. Note the Hoover Cup Atop the Receiver Cabinet.

rheostat on the positive side and a 201-A as the audio-frequency tube with a 10-ohm rheostat on the negative side will make as sensitive a set as can well be used to advantage under average conditions. These sets are noted for their quietness of operation, simplicity of construction and operation and excellent selectivity, and will when atmospheric conditions permit, allow a somewhat greater range to be covered than can be accomplished with the standard regenerative set.

In building such a set you should always be ready to compare the results directly with the standard regenerative set on the four vital points of signal strength, selectivity, distance and consistency and never consider your work through until the new set has proven superior on all points.

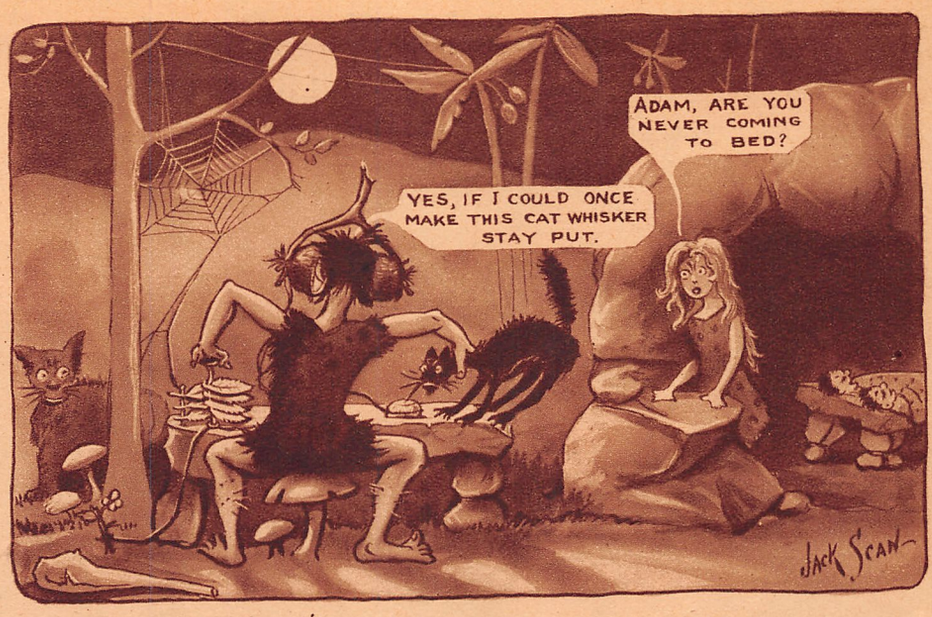
The present day development of radio frequency amplification at amateur wave-lengths has not progressed far enough to be called at all successful or desirable after the first stage is passed. Besides the losses in the stabilizers we must either use transformer coupling between the stages or else tune each stage separately, neither of which is practical or desirable in a set for amateur communication, although there is room for much experimenting here, but the experimenter is cautioned to be sure of his ground before any big claims are made for more than one stage of radio frequency amplification at amateur wave-lengths.

The reflex circuits belong to the broadcast listeners and even then should be considered only in connection with portable sets or where it would be impossible to use a radio and audio frequency of the same number of stages with separate tubes.

The same line of thought should be applied to the rest of the "new" circuits that are making their appearance almost daily, for as a rule their value is nil.

The recognized acme of perfection in the matter of short-wave reception is the Super-Heterodyne. Unfortunately this receiver is too complicated and expensive and requires too much skill to operate for the great majority of amateurs, and like all other sensitive receivers its long distance ability depends almost entirely upon atmospheric conditions after the operator has learned to operate it, and the faintest static heard in a regenerative receiver will be uncomfortably loud in the Super-Heterodyne. However, for special test purposes or for use when static is nil, the Super-Heterodyne is recommended to the advanced amateur.

The only circuit of merit for amateur reception that has appeared in the last two or three years is the Super-Regenerator, yet for several reasons this most wonderful contribution of Mr. Armstrong's has not met with general favor, especially in cities where receiving sets are thick and power line disturbances are to be contended with and the Super-Regenerative might be termed the set for the country or small village where one is not liable to be disturbed by local electrical power or to disturb his next door neighbor's receiving. In such a role the Super-Regenerator will be a very valuable addition to a regenerative set and should be considered first of all in preference to any form of radio frequency or other forms of communication.



The First Amateur Had His Troubles, and DX Work Was Almost Impossible on Account of Local QRM.

Like all other extremely sensitive devices, it can be used only to advantage when atmospheric disturbances are low. Unlike radio frequency amplification, its efficiency increases greatly as the wave-length is decreased, which makes it especially suited to the reception of short wave-lengths. There are several forms of super regenerative circuits, all of which will give a "Super" effect to a more or less extent, some of which give very loud signals with lots of noises while others give a weaker signal with much less noise and much greater distance. For all practical amateur needs the single tube method, aided if desired by one stage of audio frequency amplification, is by far the best. Nothing better has yet been found to take the place of the oscillators than the large honeycomb type of coil shunted by condensers, and for amateur purposes the UV-201A tube working at a plate potential of between 45 and 90 volts is very desirable and should be used wherever possible.

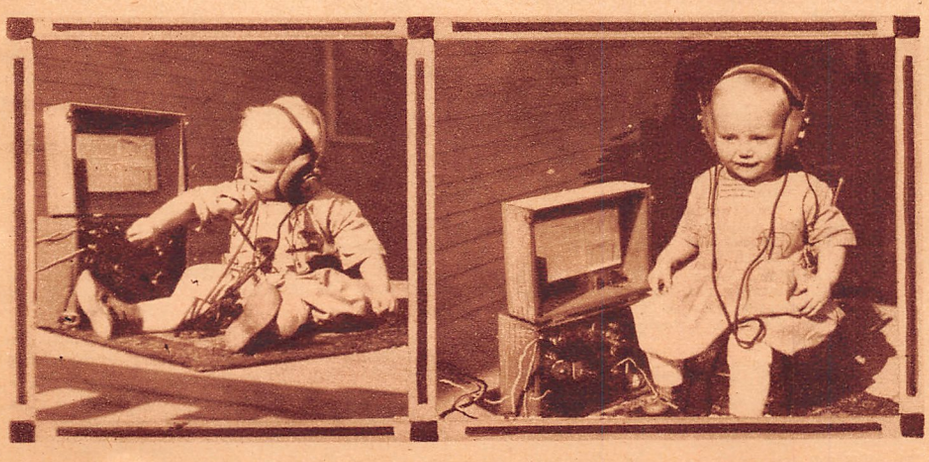
The super-regenerator is especially suited to and recommended for distant daylight reception of amateur C.W. or phone signals, but it must not in any way be considered as taking the place of a regenerative set, but simply as a very valuable attachment thereto, to be used only when conditions permit or warrant.

No circuit will decrease static to any considerable extent, in the common meaning of the word. Any circuit that actually decreases static also decreases signal strength, and the amateur is especially cautioned to step shy of all circuits that claim to reduce it. It is impossible to make a set cover the same or greater distance than can be covered by an ordinary regenerative set and decrease static at the same time.

The problem of radio today is not to decrease static, but to secure a greater ratio of signal strength to static, and some headway has been made in this respect on the long-wave high power stations where abundance of signal strength is available, but for amateur purposes they may be considered nil.

Directional aerials will give a greater ratio of signal strength to static provided the source of static is not in the same direction. The beverage wire is perhaps the best of these, although unfortunately many have not the room to erect them as this wire must be at least 600' long before any marked improvements will be noticed at 200m.

The great majority of amateurs have to resort to loops for their directional effect and the reduction of static, and at amateur wave-lengths most of the benefits of the loop are often thrown away in an attempt to use multi-stage radio amplification, when for all practical purposes better results could be obtained with a simple regenerative set or the regenerative tuned radio frequency plus one good stage of audio frequency amplification. However, so far as static is concerned the loop is of little advantage. True, less static will be received on a loop than on an aerial, but less signal strength too will be received and the ratio of signal strength to static as applied to distant signals will be practically the same in most localities, and actual benefits may be derived only when the source of static is at or near right angles to the direction from which it is desired to receive. Unfortunately, in most localities static generally seems to come from all directions with practically equal intensity and the amateur should not expect much advantage in this respect by the use of a loop.



Some Amateurs Start Early, and Quickly Learn How to Tune a Set. This Young Chap Can Tune in a Bedtime Story All by Himself.

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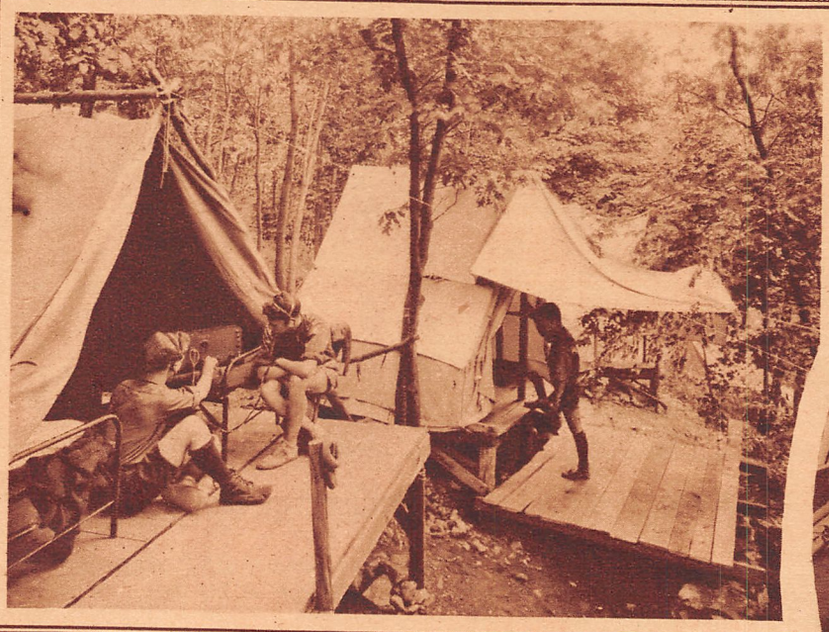
Radio Entertains Boy Scouts at Camp Glen Gray

By GILBERT BONNELL



A Typical Scene At Camp Glen Gray, Where Many Boy Scouts Spend Their Summer Vacations. Considerable Interest Has Been Shown In Radio As May Be Surmised From This Photo of Two Scouts Listening To Some Distant Broadcast Station. © Western Electric Co.

Here Is "Dave" the Colored Cook At Camp Glen Gray, Who Is Quite Musical. By the Use of a Western Electric No. 3 Public Address System and a Loud Speaker, He Fills the Camp and Surroundings With the Good Old Negro Tempo of His "Coon Songs." © Western Electric Co.

RADIO is the great boon for boys, particularly those who are members of the world's largest boys' organization, the Boy Scouts. Boys are ardent radio fans; they find rare enjoyment and entertainment in the ether; they sport with its waves, as do skilfull swimmers in the sea.

A notable example of how radio plays a leading part in the program of the camp day is at Camp Glen Gray, the Montclair Council Camp in Bergen County, New Jersey. There in the Ramapo Hills where the red man's watchfires once gleamed is the campfire of the first Boy Scout troop organized in the United States.

Around that campfire the Boy Scouts of Montclair, Glen Ridge and Nutley, nightly gather and listen to the voices of invisible singers miles away across the mountains. As a matter of fact, the boys could as easily hear the singing in any other part of the camp, for radio programs are made clearly and distinctly audible over all of Lake Vreeland and the full length and breadth of the camp situated on the lake shore. This is accomplished by means of the Western Electric No. 3 Public Address System which P. M. Rainey and R. M. Hatfield of Montclair brought to the camp where their sons are sojourning.

This Western Electric No. 3 Public Address System, while compact, is capable of amplifying radio reception some several thousands of times without distortion. It is a vacuum tube amplifier similar to, but smaller than the one which made President Harding's inaugural speech audible to the largest assemblage that ever heard a speech of the kind. It is mounted in a hardwood cabinet containing an insulating panel upon which are mounted four vacuum tubes and the necessary transformers, resistences, condensers, switches, etc., for three stages of amplification.

The public address system may be used to amplify radio received programs or, when connected with the microphone, it may be used to amplify local speeches and vocal and instrumental music. A group of horns is mounted on the balcony of Mothercroft, the recreation hall at Camp Glen Gray. These horns are exactly the same as those used in the Yankee Stadium when a Public Address System made the announcements at the Willard-Johnson fight audible to 74,000 fight fans. The horns uniformly and distinctly carry the amplified voice or music over the area it is desired to cover at the camp.

Hearing Radio Concerts Through Your Teeth

THE OZOPHONE, a new instrument invented by H. Gernsback, makes it possible to make the near deaf and those hard of hearing enjoy concerts THROUGH THEIR TEETH. The instrument has been demonstrated before scientific bodies and institutions for the deaf in New York City. Read about this latest scientific marvel in the November issue of SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

Radio Articles in November Science and Invention

An Efficient One-Tube Portable Radio Set, By H. E. Hayden.
Radio for the Beginner—"One-Wire Aerials." By Armstrong Perry.
Short-Wave Broadcast Relaying.
Radio on French Trains.
The Cockaday Circuit—with Full Details.
The R. C. Detector and Two-Step Amplifier.
Crystal Detectors, By A. P. Peck.
All Wave Reinartz Circuit, By Kenneth Harkness.

Look for the Gold Cover

Camp Glen Gray was established in 1917 by "Uncle" Frank F. Gray who organized what is the oldest Boy Scout C troop in this county, Troop 4. The camp is located on the shore of a lake in the Ramapo Hills about four miles from Oakland, New Jersey, This section of the country was deserted in '49 by the settlers who went to California in the gold rush. Today it is a veritable forest primeval. The camp consists of a spacious mess hall and kitchen, a large recreation hall, the hospital, the director's cabin, a store and long streets of tents. Each boy has a tent all for himself.

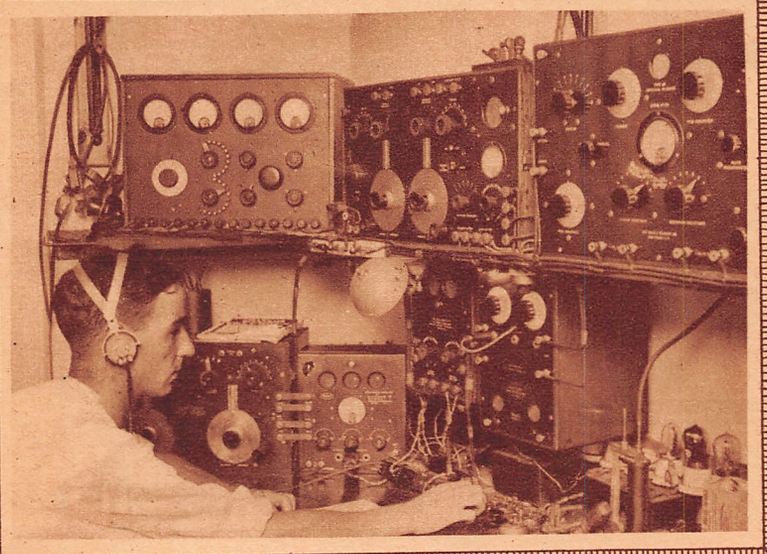
A wash house with running water, and a latrine complete the camp.

The camp is governed by the boys. They have their own mayor and ward leaders. "Co-operative discipline" is a feature of the boys' form of government.

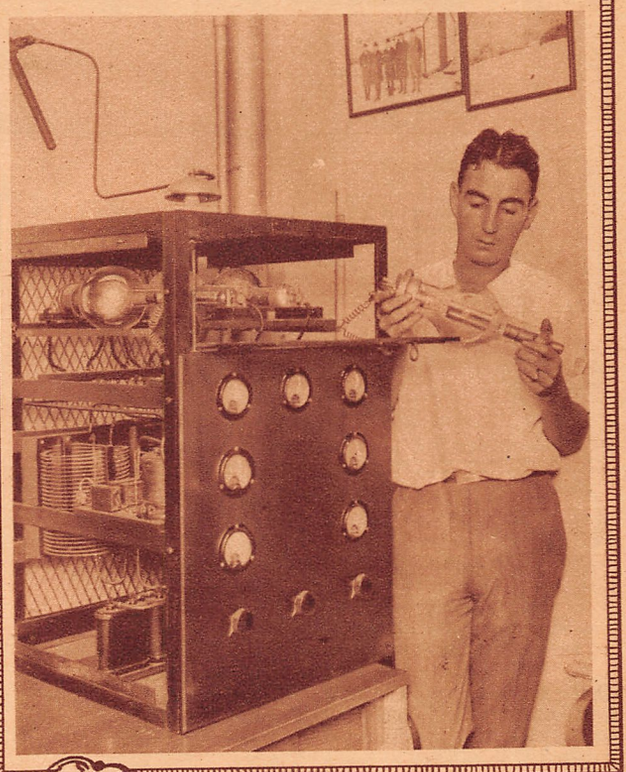
They can take an all day hike on their own land for the Montclair Council Camp's tract covers approximately 600 acres.

The Cannon Ball Road—so called because the Tories in yesteryears hauled cannon balls over it from Pompton to West Point—passes through the property. Today the ruts worn by the wheels of the Tories' carts are obliterated; the old road is but a trail leading to the Lookout from which on a clear night the lights of Manhattan Beach can be easily seen.

Station 2BGM, New York City



You Know Mr. Inman in Front of the Key, Meet Him Behind It. Hi! This May Look Like Some Layout But You Should See the 10-Tube Super-Heterodyne at the Other End of the Room. His Pet Set, by the Way, is the One on the Left-Hand Side of the Table. It's F. B. on Short Waves.



Here is the C.W. Transmitter of 2BGM That Jars the Ether. The Bottle He Holds in His Hand is an Extra MIM! He Uses the Radio Corp. "Intermediate Circuit" and is Well Satisfied With It.

FEW in the broadcast legion realize the unending interest radio holds as a hobby; few have tasted the fruits of accomplishment that the amateur enjoys in the construction of sensitive receiving sets and powerful transmitters, making them give out their best, improving them, possibly at times, reconstructing them, and always tending them as one would a child, fearful of slight damages, created by a love of the things that are a product of their own brains. Self-creations, if you please. The creative genius of the amateur dominates his station; it is his to rule. It serves him admirably. Secure in his room—he has at his finger-tips the key of the transmitter, the key to the inconceivable space without. A distant signal—a press of a button, an expert "fist" tip-tapping this key and the space is bridged. A hasty greeting and a few messages destined for far-off points, a more than probable "gud nite OM," and the work that is to the amateur a pleasure, is completed. Other greetings and messages come later, from the North where the radiators are hissing, from the South where the fans are purring; the East and West shake hands, and all the brothers are happy. There is a thrill to it all that can be felt only by those who speak the word of the key.

Mr. W. P. Inman, the owner of an amateur station of the East, situated at 420 West End Avenue, close to the heart of New York City, has, since 1907 followed radio as a hobby. From those grand and glorious years of "free air" he

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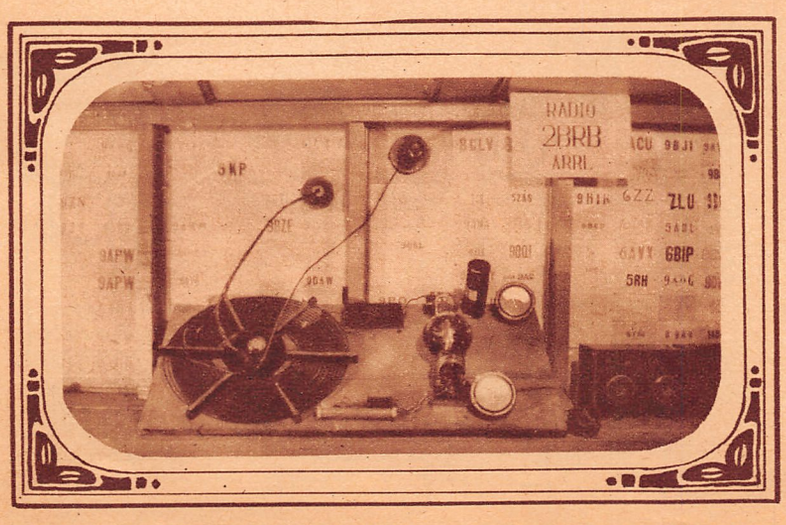
Edward M. Glaser's Station 2BRB



At the Last Moment We Get Word from Mr. Glaser That His 50-Watter Was Heard in New Zealand Three Times. F.B., O.M., Keep It Up.

THE antenna is a six-wire cage 6′ in diameter and 60′ long. The high end, from which the lead-in is taken is 60′ above the ground, and the low end is 40′ high. The lead-in is a six-wire cage, 5″ in diameter. The mast on the roof is 45′ high and is made from three 2x6's and two 2x4's. Nine guys, broken up every 15′ support the mast. The pole holding up the low end is a 40′ pipe.

The counterpoise consists of seven wires, 50′ long and 10′ to 20′ high directly under the antenna.

The ground consists of six boilers buried 6′ underground.

The receiver is a home-made Reinartz tuner with a wave-length range of from 100 to 400 meters. The plate coil consists of 35 turns of No. 24 D. C. C. wound on a 4″ cardboard tube. The antenna secondary coil has 36 turns and is tuned

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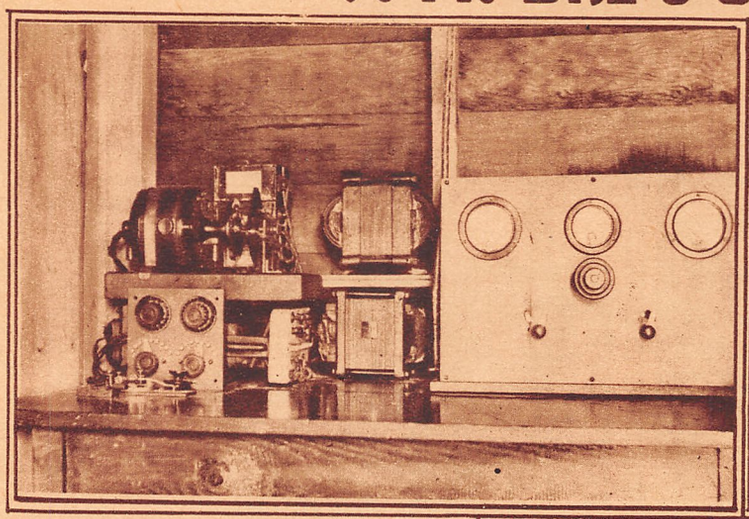
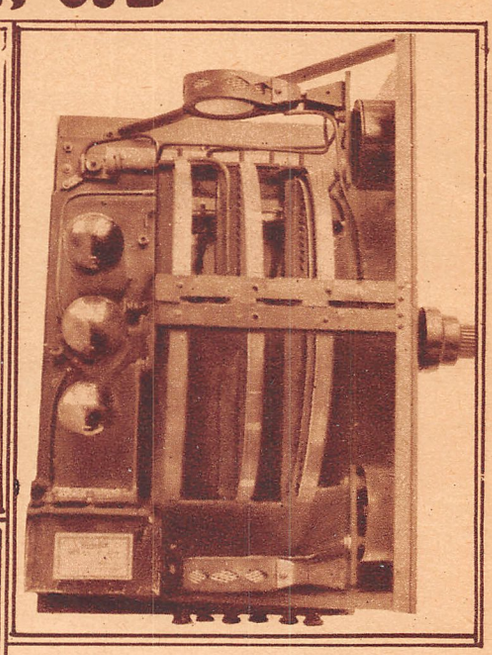
V. M. Bitz's Station, 6JD



On the Left is a View of the Complete Transmitter. From Left to Right Are the Synchronous Rectifier, the Transformers and the Transmitter. On the Right is a Top View of the Oscillating Circuit and Tubes.



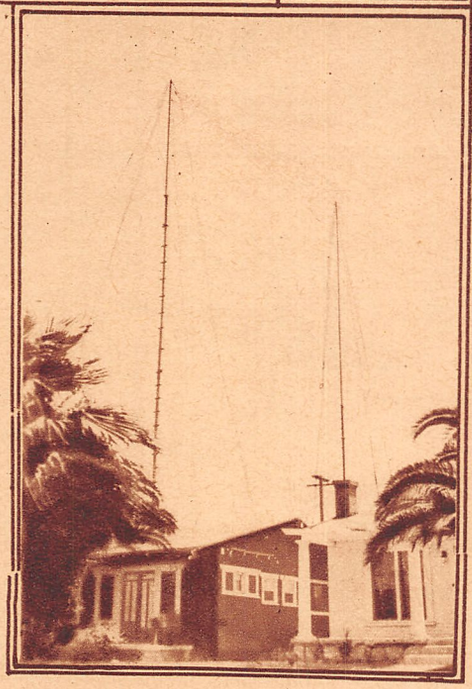
CONSIDERABLE interest has been taken in the trans-Pacific tests on the east as well as the west coast. The fact that the distances expected to be covered on the Pacific coast were much greater than any on the Atlantic placed doubt in the minds of many amateurs as to whether the tests would prove a success. Not only did the Pacific test live up to the highest expectations of the west coast amateurs, but far exceeded the imagination of the majority. Phenomenal distances were covered with powers as low as 5 watts.

We have all read the reports resulting from this undertaking, but few are acquainted with the stations that bridged the immense gap from the west coast of the United States to Australasia. Mr. Bitz's Station 6JD was heard there numerous times during the test. A description of his transmitter follows:

The antenna consists of two wooden masts 80′ high and 50′ apart, these supporting a 9-wire cage aerial 48′ long. The wires are spaced with hoops made of 3¼″ copper tube, these being 7′ in diameter at the free end, tapering down to 1′ at the lead-in end. The lead-in proper consists of a 4-wire cage 6″ in diameter and 80′ long. The radial counterpoise consists of 10 strips of copper ribbon ⅜″ wide and 50′ long and is situated directly under the antenna.

The transmitter consists of three pan-cake coils, 16 turns each, with sliding contacts controlled by knobs on the front of the panel. There are three sockets mounted on the rear of the panel to accommodate two 50-watt tubes and one 5-watt tube. When the 5-watt tube is used, the 50-watt tubes are raised up so that the pin in the tube base rests on top of the socket, thereby cutting them out of the circuit. The same method is used with the 5-watt tube when the 50's are used. The radiation of the 5-watter is two and one-half TCA with 140 milliamps on the plate at 900 volts. A distance of 2,000 miles has been covered with this arrangement. 6ZAC and 9DKY were both worked and considerable traffic handled. The radiation with the two 50-watters is seven TCA with 450 milliamps at 1,750 volts. The best work was with 2ACB, during the month of May, 1923, through heavy QRM. The signals have been reported from all parts of America, Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. During the test with Australia, one 250-watt tube was used, mounted temporarily over the 5-watt tube socket. With this, the radiation was eleven TCA with 500 milliamps at 2,000 volts.

The plate supply for this equipment was supplied by a Synchronous rectifier, the motor being built by the owner. This runs 3,600 R.P.M. at 60 cycles and gives a very quick break with a 4½″ disc.



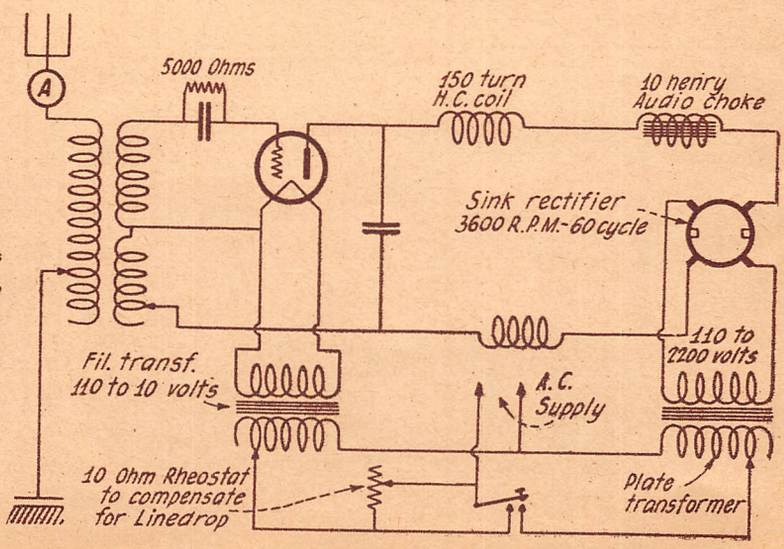
The Cage Aerial of Station 6JD.

Practically all reports from distant stations state that the signals from this equipment are pure D.C. During the test with Australia, arrangements were made for the stations to send their code letters and calls. After about a week of that kind of signaling, the operator at 6JD asked for a message from the *Radio Journal*, and without pre-arrangement proceeded to send messages to the listeners in Australia. The first one started on Saturday morning, May 16th, as follows:

"Send calls of first ten stations heard, will pay half tolls. Sig., *Radio Journal*."

On Tuesday, May 19th, the cablegram arrived with calls of the first ten stations, thereby letting us know our signals were being heard and copied. Two more messages were sent and copied by listeners during the tests. These messages were also copied by two listeners in New Zealand, one station reporting the signals from 6JD readable 50′ from the loud speaker, using two steps of radio, detector and two of audio amplification. Also many reports from operators in all parts of the United States and Canada, who copied these messages complete.

Mr. V. M. Bitz, who has been the chief operator of KHJ since they installed their Class B station, is now associated with the Radio Sales and Service, 820 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, Cal. He will be in charge of the public service bureau, which will give all kinds of information on matters pertaining to radio to the public.



The Circuit Used at 6JD. Employs a Synchronous Rectifier. This Type of Rectifier Seems to Have Gained Favor Among the Amateurs.

My Moduloscope

By JOHN L. REINARTZ, 1QP

ORIGINATOR OF THE REINARTZ CIRCUIT

A GOOD many experimenters are always stumbling onto something that the rest of us would like to try also. The reason why we don't is that the other fellow keeps his discovery to himself. It is only through magazines such as RADIO NEWS and other worth while periodicals that we become acquainted with each other. I wish the editor would see just how much good he could perform in bringing to life a fraternal order of experiments—such as during the life of the little pocket size Everyday Engineering with its work shop in New York City where one could get model work done. The spirit of that time still stays with me and is quite a factor in my experimental work. It is also the reason for giving to the rest of you what knowledge I have been able to extract in that fashion.

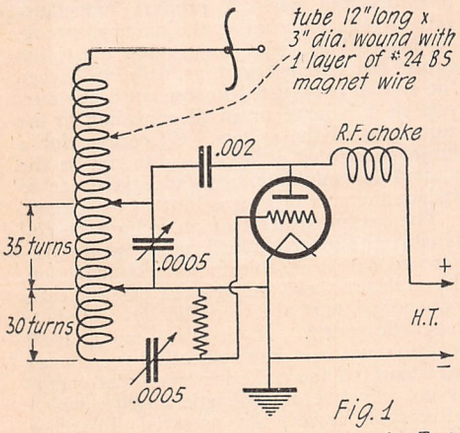


Fig. 1

This Circuit Was Used by Mr. Reinartz for Testing Antenna Insulators. A 5,000-Volt, 1,500,000 Cycle Current Was Developed for This Purpose.

Answering "yes" to a question put to me a few months ago relative to be willing to test a bunch of antenna insulators has led to the finding of a way to readily and cheaply show visually, the form of modulation the carrier wave happens to be subjected to at any amateur transmitting station.

The series of happenings which terminated into a full fledged moduloscope can be briefly told, using circuit No. 1 as a high frequency exciter for the testing of antenna insulators at 1,500,000 cycles and 5,000 volts, showed that it had a tendency to persist in a corona dicharge at any and every place near its high potential and where there existed ever so small a point or a bend of less than a 3" radius.

These defects in wiring had to be eliminated to assure correctness of the insulator loss readings and these very losses were the reason for discovery of a very useful device.

Several weeks after the conclusion of the insulator tests, a desire to play with the high frequency corona discharge led me to add to the turns of inductance in circuit No. 1 so that I might be able to obtain even greater voltage. The result was that I was able to draw a 2" spark from the high voltage end, which while not dangerous did burn rather badly at the point of contact.

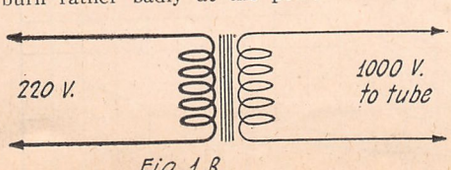


Fig. 1B

The Effects Are Apparent in the Photo of No. 1 When No Rectifier or Fliter System is Used.

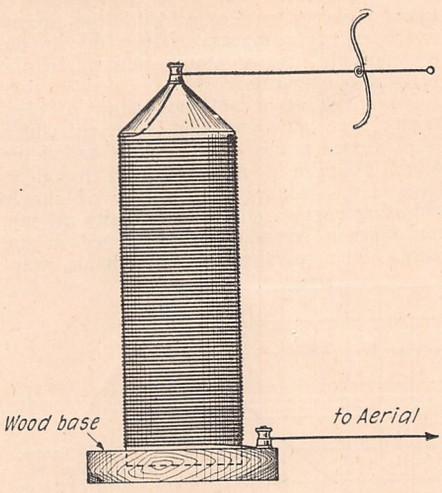
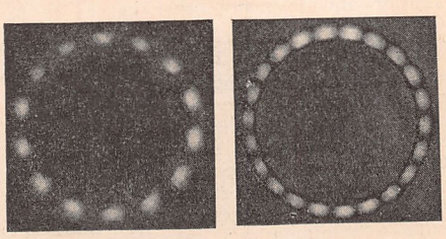


Fig. 7

A Line Drawing of a Completed Moduloscope.

While engaged in the pastime of watching its perambulations at the end of a piece of No. 26 wire a foot long, it became apparent to me that the thing had a very definite cycle of movement, in fact it described a figure "8" persistently, sometimes vertically and sometimes horizontally and allowed a very interesting evening to be spent in watching it. All this was being done while using 800 volts chemically rectified A.C. current.

Having a desire to see the effect when using plain A.C., the rectifier was cut out and the set started. If the first discharge were termed pretty, then this discharge would be doubly so—streamers 3" and 4"



(Nos. 1 and 2.) Effects Produced by the Moduloscope with Poor Rectification. Note the Frequent Current Interruptions.

long shot into space from the wires and the figure "8" effect became so pronounced that it described a 6" size figure "8." The most remarkable part was the periodic omission of the streamers or rather the dark and light spots in the figue "8" which made it look like an electric sign where the lights appear to be chasing each other. Decreasing the voltage to the tube had the effect of slowing down the chasing effect to the point where the lights stood still, making it look like a horizontal figure "8." Reducing the voltage still farther made the lights chase each other in the reverse direction.

Remembering the effect of static current on the spinning wire induced me to try the same stunt and some time was spent bending the small wire so that it would balance and be driven by the tiny amount of power available through a corona discharge. The result was so interesting that it became very fascinating. Proper adjustment of the supply voltage made the light and dark spots stand out so plainly that the next thought was how nice a picture of it would look. Therefore, I took pictures, a few dozen of them, using A.C. both half cycle and rectified, then filtered, or rather what I had considered filtered—it was not, judging by the humps in the picture.

A new study then represented itself. Why not use this device to tell at a glance how badly the carrier wave was effected by the supply current? And to be able to do this without costly laboratory equipment became a possibility at once. Nearly 200 pictures were taken, some good and some bad. Fig. 1 is a bad one, but a few of the light spots showing. This was due to too rapid exposure. It must be remembered that the spinner was running in synchronism with the 60-cycle supply current in such a manner and at such a speed that twice the number of light spots showing in the circle multiplied by the number of revolutions of the spinner in one second equalled 60 in the case of rectified A.C. and by four times the spinner speed in the case of A.C. current. Therefore, if the speed of the spinner was six revolutions per second and the circle showed 20 light spots, then the exposure had to be one-sixth of a second to get them all in the picture. A whole series of pictures were then taken of the different filters made up for the purpose. The results are as shown in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and the filtered circuits shown by Figs. 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B and 6B.

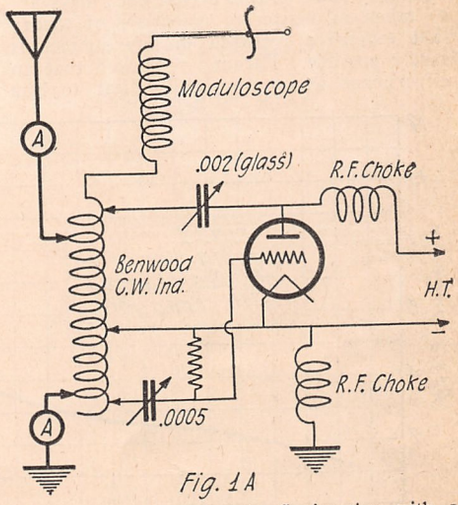


Fig. 1A

The Moduloscope Used in Conjunction with a C.W. Transmitter Employing the Colpitts Oscillator Circuit.

Picture No. 1 shows plain A.C. fed to the tube without rectification; it is my opinion that this same plate supply is responsible for tube troubles as the streamers in this picture could be made to be 3" long and would puncture their glass.

Picture No. 2 shows A.C. chemically rectified and proves that more energy is fed to the antenna.

Picture No. 3 has a 1-Mfd., 1000-volt condenser placed across the supply from the rectifier.

Picture No. 4 has had a 2-Mfd., 1000-volt condenser placed across the supply from the rectifier.

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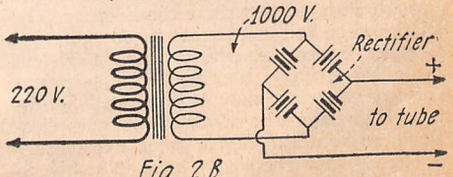

Fig. 2B

Quite an Improvement is Noticeable When Using a Rectifier.

High Frequency Resistance

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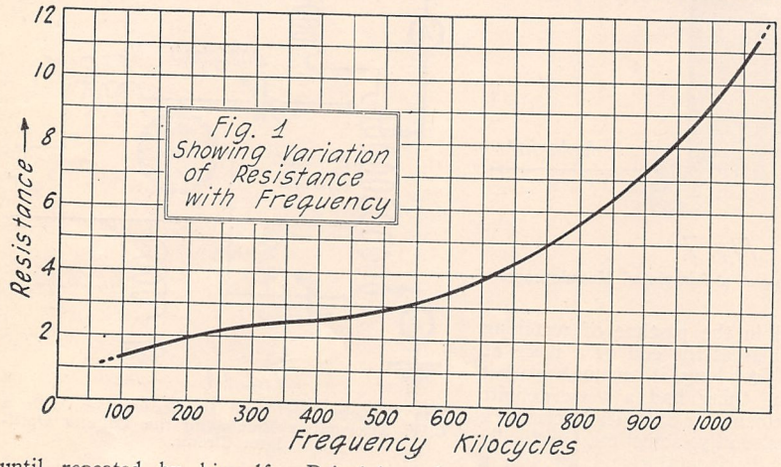
THE present treatise is an attempt to place before the reader information and data relating to high frequency resistance of inductor coils used extensively in the radio receiving circuits at this time. This material, no doubt very imperfect, may be of some importance to students especially since at this period one's days are so taken in mastering essentials of theory that extensive research in any subject is rarely possible. Faraday remarked that an experiment was never really clear to him until repeated by himself. Principles of most subjects can be mastered by diligent and systematic reading, but it seems that no subject becomes clearly fixed until a practical demonstration of theory has been given.

It has perhaps occurred to many that experimental descriptive proofs of theory together with results obtained would be of assistance to many who have no means of doing such work. Hence this attempt will consist essentially of practical theorem pertaining to subjects to be discussed, description of apparatus employed, methods of meaurement, results and remarks which may be of assistance to the reader in forming an opinion. Subject material may be found in many radio text books, or readers may refer to an excellent article by Prof. Morecroft upon a similar examination contained in the August, 1922, Proceedings of Radio Institute.



The Resistance of a Coil of Wire Increases as the Frequency of the Current Flowing Through it Increases.

RESISTANCE

Electrical currents within a metallic conductor encounter resistance which may be considered a reluctance of metallic atoms to give up, or when electrically balanced, to receive additional electrical charges into their structure. Having energy suspended and moving at a rapid rate through a wire, an electron may be best imagined as a particle which, in plunging through successive atomic orbits of the chain, leaves them considerably disturbed, their increased vibrational activity approaching thermo frequencies at which the wire emits heat waves—all due to a certain obstinacy of metals to pass easily the particles comprising the electrical current. Two wooden hoops may be covered, one with tissue paper, another with a head of coarse heavy paper. If a ball be tossed into the tissue hoop it will break through without disturbing the hoop greatly, but the same ball tossed into the hoop having a higher resistance will produce a violent shock on striking the heavier diaphragm. The first structure may be compared figuratively with atoms of silver which pass electricity without causing a great expenditure of energy, and the latter hoop may give a fair comparison of iron to the passage of currents. Hence the effect of resistance is to cause energy to be expended in the circuit, which energy reappears as heat due to the considerably greater atomic activity of the metallic components.

Now, against a continuous flow of electricity, a certain opposition is present which is expressed numerically in units called the ohm. A wire is measured and found to have, say, 3 ohms; a transitory of slowly pulsating current changing intensity at, say, ten times a second, now is started in the wire. The coil's resistance remains practically 3 ohms as before. Now if the current is caused to alternate rapidly at, say, one thousand cycles a second, the resistance will be greater, and it will increase gradually thereafter as the frequency increases until at, say, one million cycles in a second, the resistance may become 12 ohms, or may have increased four times. This is due to a redistribution of currents in the conductor's interior and to many other causes to be described later.

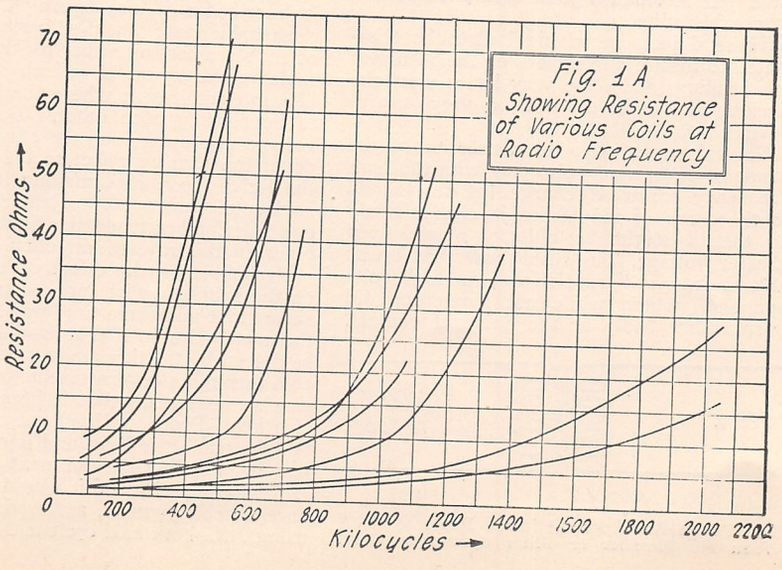
IMPORTANCE OF LOW RESISTANCE

In electrical signaling apparatus it is necessary to employ some recording instrument such as a printer or head-phones employing electromagnets which, energized by an electric current, reproduce the signal in some way. It is very important that the greatest possible recording impulse shall be produced with a minimum of energizing current, which, of course, requires less power to produce a given signal strength at the receiving station. Electromagnets give their strength in magnetic lines of force which are attached to or removed from the magnetic circuit, thus causing a variation of magnetic tension. The dependent characteristics of an electromagnet being determined, its strength is then dependent upon the current in it. Hence, in a radio circuit, it is desirable to have the greatest possible current in the oscillatory system, which intensity will be dependent upon the applied potential and the resistance at that resonant frequency. With a given potential the current increases as the resistance becomes less. A primary inductance coil may be included in the antenna circuit. A potential at radio frequencies exists between the antenna and ground, and when the system is adjusted to resonance, the current in it is large or small according to the resistance of the system. Of course, for a large current, it is necessary to design the system for minimum resistance in order to reduce the energy loss as heat in the circuit.

The useful product of an inductance coil is either its magnetic field or a potential difference across it, due to its self induction. If we desire these, the greatest possible ratio of energy must be periodically stored as magnetic energy. If electrical energy leaks away from, or is lost as heat in overcoming resistance of the coil, then such lost energy is not effective as magnetic energy, which, of course, lowers its potential difference. Each period will permit energy to be lost as straight leakage or as heat in the copper which impairs the efficiency of the arrangement. Although resistance does not alter a circuit's resonant frequency, it does cause a loss of energy continually and reduction of final signal strength. The ratio of resistance to inductance is very important in the study of transient currents.

ENERGY LOSSES

In an inductance coil magnetic energy is all important. It is the useful component, and its intensity represents a final signal intensity. Electrical energy expended in any way as leakage about the coil, or in overcoming copper resistance, is wasted and represents a total loss. The power factor of a coil concerns these losses. A coil having a good power factor would have a very low energy loss due to resistance and a high magnetic reserve, while a coil of poor power factor is a coil in which a great loss of energy occurs due to resistance as compared with its magnetic reserve. Hence, any operation which reduces the resistance of a coil improves the power factor. Such improvement can be made by carefully designing its geometry, use of specially stranded cables, and improvement of insulation



The Increase in Resistance of a Coil of Wire is Considerable at Radio Frequencies. A Raise in Frequency Makes a Noted Change of Resistance.

Coil	Length	Diameter	Turns	Gauge	Kilocycles	Exposed Res. Thoroughly Dry	Varnish	Final Res.	Variation
15	3.40 cm.	13.2 cm.	42	23 d.c.c.	1,000	27.7	Shellac	23.65	—14.5%
16	3.41 cm.	13.2 cm.	42	23 d.c.c.	1,000	27.27	Redmanol	25.21	— 8.6%
17	3.40 cm.	13.2 cm.	42	23 d.c.c.	1,000	27.40	Radio Cement	25.10	— 8.4%
18	3.40 cm.	13.2 cm.	42	23 d.c.c.	1,000	27.66	Paraffin	24.68	—10.85%
19	3 cm.	10.6 cm.	37	23 d.c.c.	1,000	9.22	Redmanol	8.75	— 5 %
11	3 cm.	8.2 cm.	117	30 d.c.c.	500	68	Shellac	63.5	— 6.7% 3 layer banked
7	2.4 cm.	12.6 cm.	57	23 d.c.c.	500	28.1	Shellac	24.3	—13.5% 2 layer banked
8	3 cm.	12.6 cm.	36	23 d.c.c.	500	4.5	Radio Cement	4.26	— 5.2%
9	6.5 cm.	10.6 cm.	176	26 en.	200	28.4	Shellac	26.9	— 5.3%
10	1.8 cm.	5.2-8.4 cm.	141	22 silk	200	67.4	Redmanol	58.45	Cross-Section —13.3% Rectangular
14	6.55 cm.	13.2 cm.	103	24 en.	200	10.74	Shellac	10.14	— 5.6%

This Table Should Prove of Assistance to Those Constructing Coils.

ILLUSTRATION OF RESISTANCE VARIATION

Having now some idea of energy dissipation due to resistance, let us examine an inductance coil of small dimensions to determine exactly its variation with frequency. A pasteboard tube was first treated with an insulating varnish and wound with 37 turns of No. 23 D.C.C. copper magnet wire. Length of winding, 3 cm.; diameter, 10.6 cm.; resistance to direct current, 0.73 ohm. This coil was introduced into a measuring circuit and measured for frequencies up to two million cycles. The curve of resistance in Fig. 1 shows a gradual increase of resistance from 0.73 ohm, its resistance to direct currents; becoming 2.9 ohms at half million cycles (600 meters); finally becoming 9.2 ohms at one million cycles (300 meters) per second. This is characteristic of the increase in most inductance coils used in radio receivers. The reader is reminded that this is not an increase of the coil's impedance, but is an increase of its resistance alone which is really an increased rate at which energy is dissipated in it, which rate evidently increases greatly with the frequency as shown. There are several lines of thought which may explain such an increase.

Consider Fig. 2 in which A is a cross section of copper wire carrying a uniformly distributed continuous current; B represents a wire in which a high frequency alternating current is moving near the surface. Since high frequency alternating currents move near the surface of a conductor, it is evident that a greater current density in that region increases the rate at which energy is dissipated in that section, and that in this condition the center or core may be the same as removed from the wire so far as its usefulness is concerned. This effect was first brought to the attention of electricians by Prof. Hughes; and other investigators at that early date found that a tube, in which there was no such dead copper, had equal or better conductance as compared with a solid wire of identical diameter, showing that the useful area of a conductor's cross section was, for alternating currents, very near the surface.

An explanation may lead to several lines of thought. Prof. Clerk Maxwell virtually predicted this effect fifty years ago when he developed and showed that a counter electromotive force due to self induction has greatest intensity at the center of the wire's cross section. From this we conclude that a potential difference exists between the center and outer surface which may be of considerable magnitude in coarse wires; hence the outer surface or region presents *less* opposition to transitory currents, and they are accordingly forced to travel along the surface, only beginning to penetrate deeper as further increment of current is delayed—the period of maximum current—but they are immediately recalled, since in alternating currents an increase is followed by a decrease or withdrawal of current. Hence rapidly changing currents penetrate only a little distance into a solid conductor, and it should be noted that increasing the actual conducting surface would tend to reduce the rate of energy dissipation in a given length of wire, which greater surface, of course, decreases the resistance of the system.

It is also evident that merely stranding the wire to provide greater surface would not improve it since the strands in contact would be equivalent to a solid. Strands insulated as a parallel bundle, or insulated strands simply twisted, would not reduce resistance materially unless the method of stranding is such that each wire passes from center to outside at intervals along its length, to have alternate position in the cross section of the cable, in which case the currents are confined to the surfaces of each wire, because the counter voltage being at the center in greater intensity affects each strand equally. Such cable is now a standard commercial sold as Litz, being composed of various numbers and gauges of fine insulated wires stranded in such a manner as suggested above. Maxwell, Lord Rayleigh

Fig. 2

"A" Represents the Distribution of a Direct Current in a Solid Wire. "B" Illustrates the "skin Effect" of a High Frequency Alternating Current in a Solid Wire.

and Prof. Hughes clearly demonstrated its usefulness forty years ago. Such stranded wires, while ideal for inductances, is costly, and in many cases is prohibitive on that account. However, solid copper serves quite well providing it is sufficiently large, and may in some instances show equally low resistances at certain frequencies to coils of similar geometry using a stranded cable.

RESISTANCE VARIATION WITH HYGROMETRIC CONDITION

While experimenting with inductance coils, their resistance was found to vary as much as 40 per cent within a period of twenty-four hours. Prof. Morecroft, in the article previously referred to, also mentions similar variations. For instance, a coil showed a resistance of 28.24 ohms at 200 kilocycles at one time, and was found to have 38.14 ohms after having remained in the same position for twelve hours. Such variations seemed at first due to stray effects between measuring and test circuit, but on rearranging circuits to reduce to a minimum such effects of stray induction on the test circuit, the coil was found to show the same variation from time to time as before. On examining other coils, cotton was found noticeably variable; silk changed very little under similar treatment; enameled insulation showed little effect in comparison. It seemed that such variation could be due to leakage only, and such leakage could be the result of different moisture conditions upon the coil itself, hence the investigation led to a study of the hygrometric effect upon the resistance of inductors; investigation of insulation and the possibilities of improving the coil power factor by the exclusion of moisture. The reduction of resistance by selection of stranded cable could be offset by neglecting the effect of moisture.

HYGROMETRY

Hygrometry is a study of moisture conditions in the atmosphere. Now, if a dish of ether, alcohol, or water is placed in a room, we know that after a time all the liquid will have evaporated. The liquid molecules at the surface become accelerated and spring away from the surface into the atmosphere above it where they encounter some opposition due to collision with molecules of air, retarding considerably the rate or rapidity of evaporation. If the liquid were placed in a vacuum it passes into vapor instantly, but due to collision in free atmosphere, the rate of evaporation is reduced.

Heating also tends to increase evaporation by accelerating molecular activity; also if the air over the dish were removed by a fan, the evaporation would be rapid since the blanketing vaporous cloud is continually being removed. Now, if the dish were placed within an air-tight chamber, evaporation would take place for a certain time, after which no more molecules could combine with the air in it, in which state the air in the chamber is saturated. If, however, the chamber is heated by some means, there will *again* be evaporation until molecules of water are returned to the surface as rapidly as given off by the liquid, showing that the increased temperature allows more water to be suspended for saturation. If the chamber is now suddenly cooled, water vapor must be immediately dropped since air at lower temperatures cannot hold so great a quantity of water for saturation, and water vapor immediately forms upon the walls, which shows that at any temperature *there can be a certain quantity of water vapor in a given volume of space.*

This means that at one temperature a certain quantity of water vapor can exist for each cubic foot of air, and that, if the temperature is increased, *more* vapor can exist; but if the temperature were suddenly to decrease, the condition is such that a much *smaller* quantity of vapor can exist so the excess is dropped in some way as fog, rain, snow or dew in nature. Although an atmosphere may permit a certain vapor tension or quantity of water, we find in nature that the maximum is seldom obtained since local conditions over the earth may prevent the air above it from receiving sufficient vapor to saturate the atmosphere, as is generally the case over desert areas. Hence the quantity of water present to the quantity of water vapor possible at a given temperature is a ratio conveniently expressed as relative humidity where 100 represents saturation.

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Sample	Time Exposed	Resistance	2nd Exposure	2nd Resistance	Final Resist. after Varnished
Silk	6 hours 49° F.	2300 megohms	6 hours 71° F.	1605 megohms	2410 megohms
Cotton	6 hours 49° F.	207.7 megohms	6 hours 71° F.	104.89 meg.	3484 megohms
Canvas	6 hours 49° F.	44.967 meg.	6 hours 71° F.	25.61 meg.	1154.5 megohms

A Chart Giving the Resistance of Three Materials at Different Time Intervals and Temperatures.

Design Of An Audibility Meter

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THE American Institute of Radio Engineers has defined audibility as "A measure of the ratio of the telephone current producing a signal in a telephone receiver to that producing a barely audible signal. A barely audible signal is one which permits the differentiation of the dot and dash elements of the letters." This is a concise summary of the test of the audibility of a signal, a test which is not particularly difficult to make, even with home-made equipment. This article will take up the main points involved, and a description of an audibility meter that is not difficult to construct.

The main fault with some of the audibility meters available on the market is that an accurately measured receiver is not supplied with the instrument, and the calibration of the meter for quantative work is useless without it.

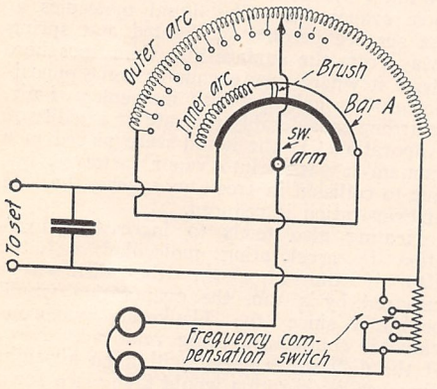

Fig. 2

Diagram of Connections of the Complete audibility Meter.

Fig. 1 shows two different methods by which these instruments may be connected. Type A is probably the commonest method, although for many purposes type B is to be recommended for general use, for the following reason: The load that the meter as a whole places on the circuit is more nearly a constant quantity, which always can be selected to match the other constants of the circuit.

For instance, when measuring a fairly strong signal with the meter in the plate circuit of a vacuum tube, the meter may require only a few ohms to balance out the signal, and as a result the value of the audibility factor so obtained is not reliable, since the efficiency of the tube has dropped considerably with the low plate resistance. However, with the Type B circuit, the load would be practically constant at all settings. In the meter to be described a special compensating device is used to equalize the load on the tube, no matter what the setting

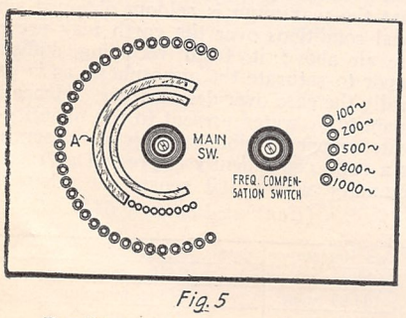

Fig. 5

Top View of the Audibility Meter.

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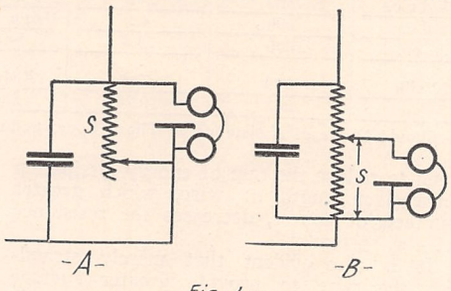


Fig. 1

"A" and "B" Show the Methods by Which the Instrument Can Be Connected to the Output Terminals of the Receiver.

audibility factor (see next paragraph) will cause a slight error, in case the signal audibility is only a little over unit audibility, however, when Type B circuit is used. This has been pointed out by Zenneck in Proc. I. R. E. for August, 1916.

The formula on which most audibility meters are based is:

$$\text{Audibility} = \frac{S+T}{S}$$

where S and T stand for the effective impedances of the shunt and the telephone receiver respectively. It must be remembered that audibility measurements are but relative values, which may differ with different observers under the same conditions, and are affected by external interference and static and with local distractions that may be encountered. The exact formula (or rather a more nearly exact formula) is

$$A = \frac{\sqrt{(S+Rt)^2+(wLt)^2}}{S}$$

The experimental error, the personal equation of the observer, the change of the resistances due to temperature, and varia-

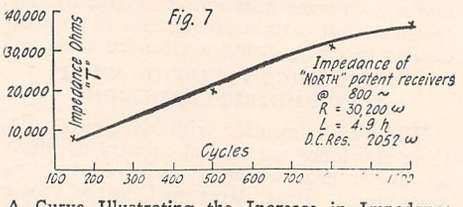


Fig. 7

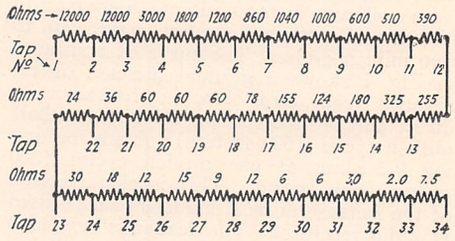
A Curve Illustrating the Increase in Impedance of a Pair of Headphones as the Current Frequency is Raised.

tions in the telephone receiver are so much greater that the use of the more exact formula is not warranted.

The first requisite for an audibility meter is a good headset that is sensitive, and preferably without adjustable diaphragms. Since the impedance of receivers changes with frequency it is essential that the impedance be measured at several frequencies, say at 100, 250, 500, 800, and 1,000 cycles. Fig. 7 shows a representative curve which was plotted from data taken on a pair of telephone receivers. (Note: These receivers were purchased in 1915 and were called the North patent receivers, but seem identical with the original Baldwin types. Recent impedance checks indicate that the impedance of this pair has not varied to any great extent over a number of years).

Figs. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 give details of the audibility meter designed by the author. The main resistance is controlled by a 34-point switch, and has a total resistance of approximately 36,000 ohms. Another variable resistance unit having a total resistance of 18,000 ohms is controlled by the same knob. This latter unit is added for the purpose of keeping the load on the vacuum tube constant. The resistance is distributed over only eight of the 34 points, since on other settings the error is negligible; a second switch arm travels over a five point switch. This switch cuts enough resistance in series with the telephone receiver to bring up the receiver impedance at five representative frequency to 36,000 ohms, which was the value used in computing the values for the other switch.

Actual constructional details will be left to the reader. If desired, the two concentric switch arcs may each have 34 points. The method shown utilizes a curved com-



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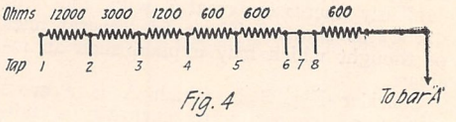

Fig. 4

Fig. 3 Shows the Connections to the Main Switch, Fig. 4 to the Inner Switch

mutator bar to simulate all but eight of the contacts on the inner arc. The inner semicircular bar is used as a brush feeder, or if desired a double switch arm can be used instead of this feeder. Fig. 2 shows the circuit used; Fig. 5 shows how the switches are arranged; Fig. 6 gives details of the main switch lever, showing an auxiliary contact (which is insulated from the main arm) that bridges the inner arc and the brush feeder.

Fig. 3 shows the values for the successive resistance units and the taps to which they should be connected. It should be noted that 12,000-ohm resistance units have been available on the market since the Armstrong "Super" circuits, so that the largest units can be purchased. The other units may be wound with No. 36 or No. 38 resistance wire. All units over 100 ohms should be wound non-inductively, that is, by cutting off the length of wire that will give the desired resistance, looping it at the center and winding from this point.

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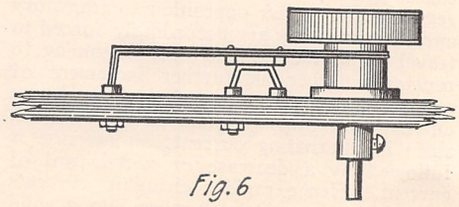


Fig. 6

Showing Details of the Main Switch Arm

Loop Antennae for Transmission

By ALLAN R. KENWORTHY

LOOP antennae are practical for transmission purposes in many instances, especially when it is impossible to erect an outdoor aerial, or where the directive properties of the loop merit its use. As when used for reception, the loop is a very inefficient device, and only under the best of conditions will the effectiveness of the loop approach other types of antennae.

In general, the effectiveness of the loop antenna will depend upon its design and construction, but minor factors, such as its location with respect to imperfect dielectrics in its fields, the wave-length at which it is operated, and, indirectly, the antenna and receiving equipment used at the receiving station, must be considered if maximum results are to be obtained in loop transmission. These factors will be discussed in subsequent paragraphs.

A very practical loop antenna for indoor use is illustrated in Fig. 1, Detail A. The loop consists of two to four turns of ¾" copper tubing wound on a frame from 3' to 6' square. If copper tubing of the size required cannot be procured, copper strip of 1" or 2" wide may be used. The spacing between turns should be at least 3", and the strips of material which space the conductors should be hard rubber or bakelite.

In constructing the frame, use hard wood, glueing the pieces together in preference to using nails or screws. It is absolutely necessary, if the full efficiency of the loop is to be realized, that the metal in the field of the loop be kept at a minimum. If desired, the loop may be arranged so that it can be swung in different directions, or it may be suspended from the ceiling of the operating room from insulators or mounted in a vertical plane on the operating table. While it is not absolutely necessary that the loop point in the direction in which it is desired to transmit unless the distance to be covered is very great, it is desirable to have the loop point approximately toward the receiving station. Under ordinary conditions there will be more or less radiation from all sides of the loop, the radiation at a point 90 degrees away from the direction of maximum radiation being less than one-tenth the maximum radiation. It should be observed that in many instances large metal bodies in the vicinity of the loop will greatly distort the directivity of the antenna.

The loop described, used in connection with a 10-watt transmitter, should have a range of from 25 to 100 miles, depending upon the size of the loop and the conditions under which it is operated. With a loop of the size described greater powers than 100 watts should not be used and very little increase in range will be observed in using greater powers.

If comparatively great distances are to be covered with a loop antenna, and the circumstances will permit, an outdoor loop should be erected. Fig. 2 illustrates two suggested designs for such a structure. The loop shown in Detail A can easily be made by bringing leads from each end of an ordinary inverted "L" type antenna and placing a coupling inductance and tuning condenser as indicated in the sketch, with the coupling inductance in the end of the antenna from which the greatest radiation is desired.

The sketch of Fig. 2, Detail B, shows a modification of the Lowell-Willoughby loop designed for use on submarines. This type, too, can be made from the "remains" of an inverted "L" or "T" type antenna, and the claims are made that usually better results will be obtained with the loop than with the original antenna. With this type of antenna the coupling inductance and tuning condenser can be located as shown. The tuning condensers used with a loop antenna of any type should have very low losses and be capable of withstanding very high voltages.

Practically any circuit or transmitter can be used with loop antennae; in many cases it is necessary only to make connections to the loop from the antenna and ground connections of the transmitter. Two circuits recommended for use with loops are shown in Fig. 1, Detail B. As a rule, the direct connected loops will give better results than transformer connected, but the latter give a more flexible arrangement and are sometimes necessary if the directional properties of the loop are to be fully realized.

In locating a loop antenna, if it is a small indoor structure it should be kept as far away from walls and masses of metal as possible; if the antenna is an outdoor structure, keep it away from trees, buildings, etc. Imperfect dielectrics in the field of the antenna tend to lower its efficiency by absorbing a certain amount of the radiated energy, this effect becoming more pronounced at short wave-lengths.

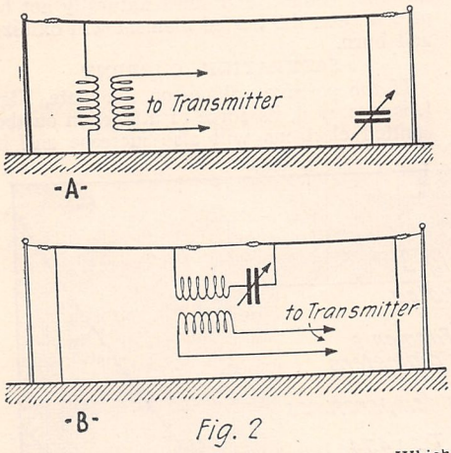


Fig. 2

Two Types of Outdoor Loop Antennae Which Should Prove Quite Efficient. That of "A" is an Inverted "L" Antenna Grounded at One End Through an Inductance and at the Other End Through a Variable Capacity. That of "B" is of the Type Used Primarily on Submarines.

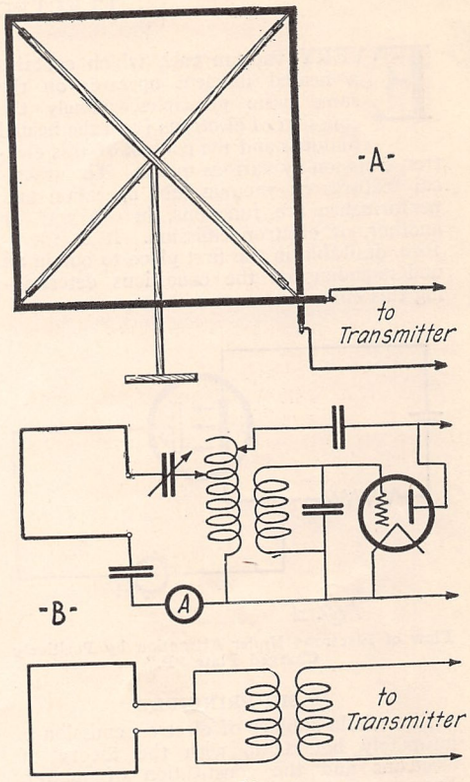


Fig. 1

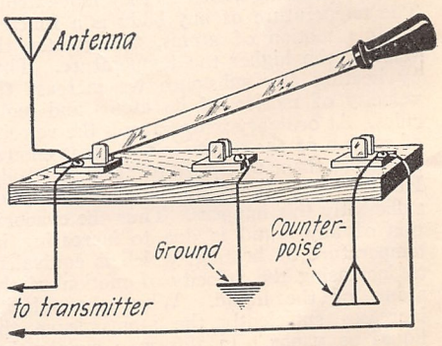
A General Idea as to the Constructional Details of an Indoor Loop Antenna is Given in "A." Either Copper Tubing or Stripping Should be Used so as to Keep the High Frequency Resistance Low. "B" Shows Two Methods of Coupling the Loop to the Transmitter.

Antenna Counterpoise Safety Switch

By HOWARD S. PYLE

THE majority of telegraphing amateurs of the present day are using some form of counterpoise in connection with rather an elaborate antenna system. Little or no attention is paid, however, to the proper lightning protection of their radiating system. When this does receive consideration, it is usually the antenna only, which is protected. A counterpoise, while generally swung comparatively low, is nevertheless an insulated metallic body of considerable surface, and when placed, for example, in an open yard, or orchard, offers the easiest path to earth—*through the set* for any atmospheric discharges. It should, therefore, receive serious consideration in the safety scheme. A method is illustrated in the accompanying diagram for accomplishing complete grounding of both antenna and counterpoise through the medium of a single switch.

An ordinary 100-ampere lightning switch of approved type is procured, and the blade bearing and one jaw transposed, thus placing the bearing at one end of the base, with a jaw in the middle and one at the opposite end. The two extremes of the switch connect respectively to the antenna and counterpoise leads, with the center jaw grounded. With the switch in the open position, the radiating system functions for transmitting, and when closed, absolute protection is afforded.



The Connections to the Switch

Vacuum Tubes for Amateurs

By JESSE MARSTEN

ELECTRON EMISSION, ITS CONTROL, AND LIFE OF TUBES.

EVERY vaccum tube which contains a heated filament operates on the same basic principles, namely the emission of electrons from the heated filament and the control of this electron emission by various means. The practical features of vacuum tube operation and performance are functions, in one way or another, of electron emission. It is, therefore, desirable in the first place to obtain an understanding of the conditions determining this emission.

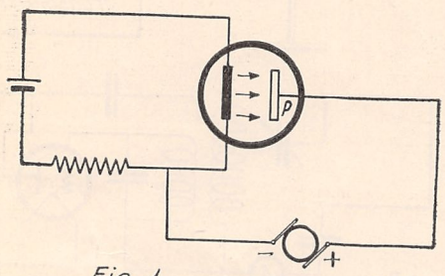


Fig. 1

Flow of Electrons Under Attraction by Positively Charged Plate "P."

BASIC PRINCIPLE

The whole subject of electron emission is intimately bound up with the theory of electrons and the constitution of matter. Details of these theories are outside the scope of this discussion. A brief statement regarding electrons and their emission from solid bodies is essential, however, to a complete understanding. It is assumed that the atoms of any element are composed of a nucleus, called a *protton*, having a positive electric charge, and a number of negative electric charges, called *electrons*. These electrons revolve about the positive nucleus very much in the manner in which the planets revolve about the sun. The atom is, therefore, regarded as a miniature solar system. The exact number of electrons in any atom and the manner in which they are actually disposed about the positive nucleus varies with each element. Thus the hydrogen atom is supposed to have a positive nucleus and one electron revolving about it. Other elements have more electrons disposed about the positive nucleus in definite ways. The number of electrons an atom possesses and the particular manner in which they are disposed about the nucleus determines the atom and its properties.

The atoms and molecules of any substance, solid, liquid or gaseous, are considered to be in constant rapid motion. Thus the pressure of any gas is explained by the Kinetic Theory of Gases to be due to the impact of the gas molecules against the walls of the containing vessel as they move about. The temperature of any body is a function of this motion of atoms, the greater the velocity the higher the temperature. Thus by heating any substance we increase the velocity of motion of its atoms and molecules. At ordinary temperatures the velocity of motion of the atoms is not great enough to enable them to fly away from the body. However, if their velocity is increased sufficiently this happens. Thus the evaporation of any liquid is due to increasing its temperature by heating, which is equivalent to increasing the velocity of motion of the atoms of the liquid. When the velocity increases sufficiently the atoms leave the liquid as vapor. In this way evaporation takes place. Some atoms move faster than others. These leave the liquid first. In the same way we may explain the conversion of a solid into gaseous form, called *"sublimation."*

Just as atoms and molecules are in constant motion in a body, so are the electrons in constant motion in every atom of a substance. The velocity of the electrons is also dependent upon the temperature, increasing with it. At ordinary temperatures the electron velocity is not great enough to enable them to leave the atom. As the temperature is increased the electron velocity increases and if this is great enough the electrons do leave the atom. That this is so may be experimentally proved by the fact that an uncharged body in the vicinity of a heated filament such as tungsten becomes negatively charged. This negative charge is due to electrons leaving the filament and lodging on the neighboring body and imparting their negative charge to it. We thus see that by sufficiently heating a body we may have it emit electrons which carry a negative charge of electricity. Since electricity in motion constitutes an electric current by controlling the motion and path of these emitted electrons we may obtain an electric current which, by proper direction, may be put to use. It is this emission of electrons from hot bodies and its control, which is at the basis of all tube action.

ELECTRON CURRENT

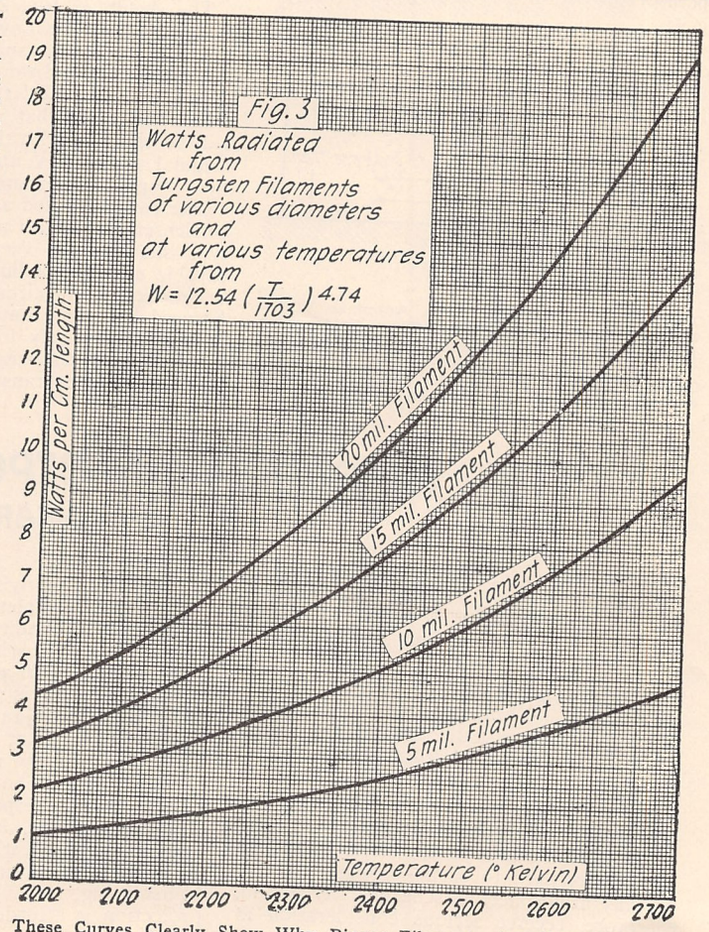
Although any body if sufficiently heated will give off electrons, in the case of vacuum tubes the source of electrons is a heated filament of wire, either tungsten or a platinum wire coated with oxides of barium and strontium; the reasons for their use are given below. The filament is heated electrically and when it reaches a sufficiently high temperature, gives off electrons. In the case of tungsten, heating to incandescent white heat is necessary, a dull red heat being sufficient for the oxide coated platinum filament. These electrons are expelled from the hot filament with a certain velocity, some high and some low, hence the electrons possess a certain amount of kinetic energy. Consequently, unless there is some other external force to keep them moving their initial energy will soon be used up before they get very far from the filament. If there is no such external force and the filament is continuously emitting electrons, some of the expelled electrons will return to the filament, for when the negative electrons leave the filament they carry with them negative charges. The filament is, therefore, left with a resultant positive charge which attracts negative electrons to it. However, soon a condition of equilibrium is reached where the amount of electrons expelled per second is just equal to the amount returning to the filament per second. If, however, we place a positively charged plate in the vicinity of the hot filament it will attract the negative electrons, leaving the filament. Its force of attraction will depend upon the voltage to which it is charged and its distance from the filament. If it is made high enough its electrons will flow to the plate and register on an ammeter. This is, therefore, an electric current, or electron current, and it is this current we have to deal with.

CONDITION FOR TRUE ELECTRON CURRENT

When the current is due solely to the travel of electrons emitted from the hot filament we have a true electron current. If any gas is present, this will not happen, for the motion of the emitted electrons results in their colliding with gas atoms. This collision results in ionization, that is, the gas atoms separate into negative electrons and positive ions which are also subject to the force of the plate voltage. Hence, these electrons and ions add to the current. The condition for true electron currents, therefore, is a perfect vacuum where the motion of the expelled electrons can interfere with no other bodies. Air must naturally not be present, else the heated filament will oxidize and burn.

SATURATION CURRENT

If the positive voltage on the plate, Fig. 1, is increased, its force of attraction on the emitted electrons will also increase and it



These Curves Clearly Show Why Bigger Filaments Are Used in Transmitting Tubes.

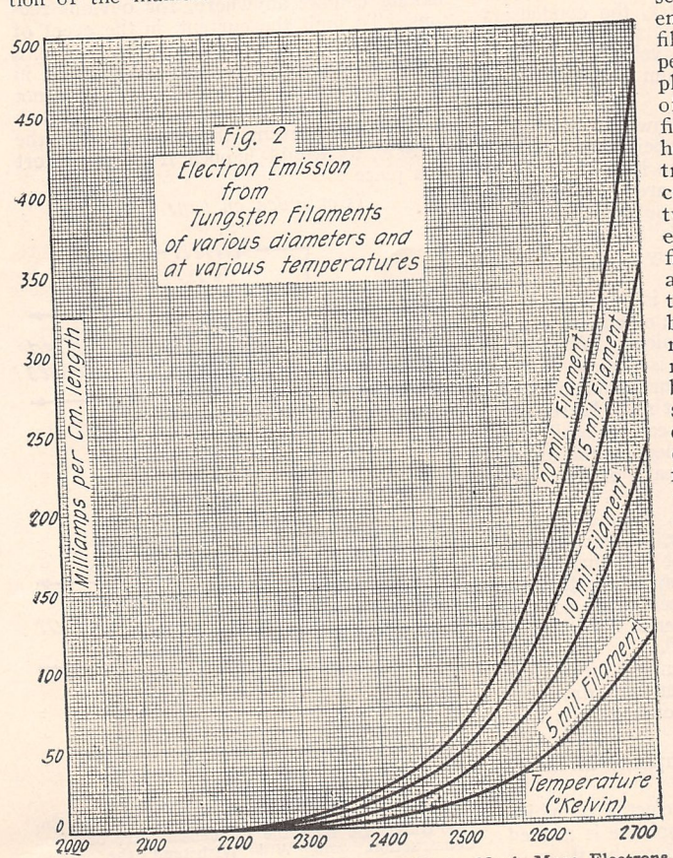
will therefore attract more of the electrons to it. However, at any given temperature T of the filament only a definite number of electrons are emitted per second. When the positive voltage on the plate reaches a value where it is strong enough to attract all of them, the electron current for these conditions is at its maximum value. If the positive plate voltage is increased no further increase in electron flow can take place because it is already attracting all the electrons which the filament can emit at that temperature. This value of current is called the *saturation current.*

HOW EMISSION VARIES WITH FILAMENT TEMPERATURE

It has been definitely established that the emission of electrons from a hot body varies with its temperature in exactly the same way that the rate of evaporation of a liquid varies with its temperature. The higher the temperature of a liquid the more rapidly it will evaporate. In the same way by increasing the temperature of the filament we can increase the rate at which electrons are emitted, hence we can increase the total plate current obtainable and so increase power. But this has serious limitations, as will be seen below.

ELECTRON EMISSION FROM TUNGSTEN FILAMENTS

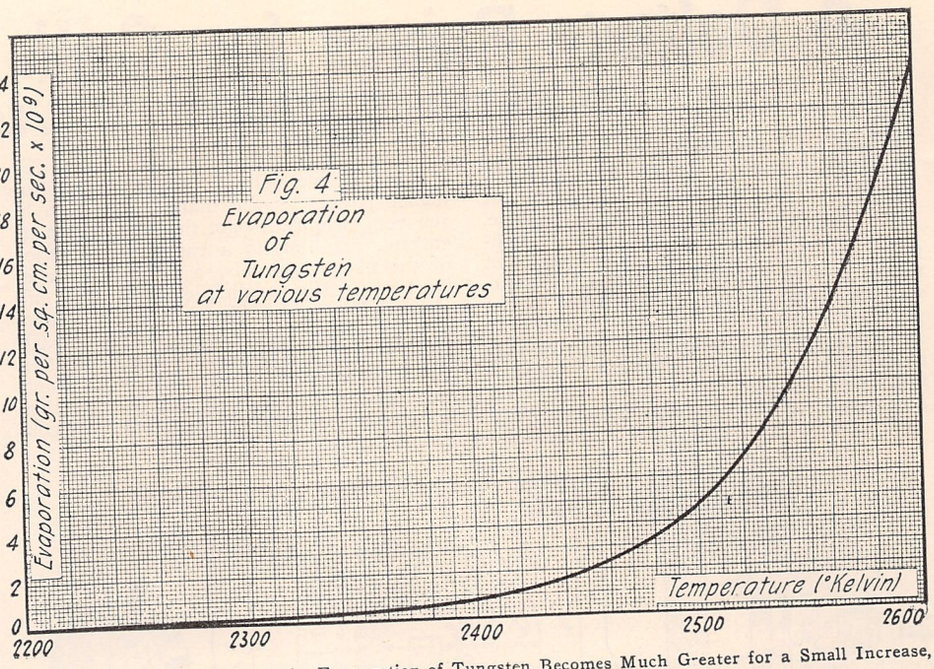
In Fig. 2 are drawn curves showing the electron emission per cm. length of filament from tungsten wires of various diameters, tungsten being one of the principal materials used in vacuum tubes. These curves are calculated from the Richardson equation, as were all of the following curves, by Mr. R. J. McAusland, Jr., formerly of the Marconi Wireless Tel. Co. of America. This curve shows the manner in which emission varies with the temperature of the filament. It will be observed that the lower temperatures as between 2200 degrees and 2400 degrees the emission is low and the rate at which the emission increases with temperature is also low. But above 2400 degress the emission rises very rapidly with small increases in temperature. The operation of the filament around these temperatures, therefore, namely 2400 to 2500 degrees, is critical; that is, small temperature increases produce large current increases. This has an important bearing on the life of tubes, as will be shown below. It will be observed that for the same temperature the larger diameter wire gives more electron emission, since there is greater surface to emit electrons. Tube filaments must be designed to give certain emission for the purpose in hand, thus transmitter tubes must have, greater power than the receiver tubes hence the filament emission must be greater. Thus larger diameter wire is used for the filaments of transmitter tubes.



The Surface of the larger Size Filaments Emits Much More Electrons for a Given Temperature.

POWER REQUIRED TO HEAT A TUNGSTEN FILAMENT TO DEFINITE TEMPERATURES

From the above we see that in order to secure a given electron emission we must heat the filament to a definite temperature. This is accomplished by an expenditure of electric energy in the filament, utilizing the heating effect of an electric current. There is a certain relationship between the electrical energy consumed by the filament and the temperature to which it raises the filament. This may be expressed by a mathematical equation, but the relationship is much better by means of curves as shown in Fig. 3. These curves show the energy consumption of tungsten filaments per cm. length for various diameters of wire and the temperature to which the filaments are raised. It will be observed that the smaller diameter filaments require less filament consumption to raise them to given temperatures than the larger diameters. Thus to raise a 5-mil. tungsten wire to 2400 degrees requires an expenditure of electrical energy of 2.55 watts per cm. length, whereas the 10-mil. filament requires 5.1 watts per cm. length. This is to be expected since there is less mass to heat up in the thinner wire, and the thicker wire has more radiating surface. Receiving tubes thus use up less filament power than other tubes. Although they use less power they are still operated at almost the same high temperatures as the transmitting tubes, hence they must be given the same care in order to prevent low life.



Above a Certain Temperature the Evaporation of Tungsten Becomes Much G-eater for a Small Increase, Reducing the Life of a Tube if Burned Too Brightly.

EVAPORATION OF TUNGSTEN

This factor has a most important bearing on the life of vacuum tubes. At these high temperatures necessary to produce the requisite electron emission, vaporization of the filament material takes place. This is evident from the colored deposit seen on the glass walls of the tube. At such high temperatures tungsten begins to vaporize. Tungsten vapor leaving the filament reaches the relatively cold glass wall of the tube and condenses there, leaving a solid film of tungsten. Evaporation of the filament decreases the diameter of the filament, hence increases the resistance of the filament, varies the energy consumed by it and thus produces a variation in the electron emission as time passes. It is, therefore, important to see the bearing this has on the practical operation of tubes. Fig. 4 shows how the evaporation of tungsten varies with the temperature. It is seen that evaporation increases very slowly at temperatures below 2400 degrees, but above 2400 degrees the evaporation increases at a remarkably rapid rate. It is, therefore, evident that the filament life will depend upon the rate at which the filament material evaporates.

LIFE OF TUBE

In practice filaments must be worked to last as long a time as posible, renewal costs being very high. It is seen that the life of a tube depends upon the temperature at which it is worked. Thus, from Fig. 4 we see that a filament operated at 2490 degrees evaporates twice as fast as one operated at 2452 degrees, hence will last half as long. It is, therefore, necessary to decide on what is the life of a tube, especially so since the electron emitting properties also vary with the age. The life of a tube is arbitrarily defined as the *number of hours it takes for the diameter of the filament to decrease by* 10 *per cent of its initial value.* The life of a tube is considered as over regardless of whether the filament is intact or not, so long as its diameter has decreased 10 per cent.

SAFE TEMPERATURE

This decrease in diameter may be ob-

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A Voltage Raiser for C.W. Transmitters

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BEFORE installing transmitting equipment one is usually faced with the problem of devising a method of obtaining a suitable high voltage. This new method, applicable to stepping up the voltage of direct current mains, is particularly simple, and the apparatus easy and cheap to construct. The principle can be applied for obtaining a smooth, high voltage direct current from an induction coil having an interrupter synchronized with the distributor and deriving current from a low voltage battery. The author, using the machine described below, is heard at a good strength and regularly on a two-valve receiver at Orleans, France.

The machine to be described is an attempt to solve the problem of providing a suitable H.T. supply for a low-power tube transmitter. Most of those who work with transmitters are faced with the difficulty of accomplishing this without considerable expenditure. Such experimenters fall into three groups: those with access to an A.C. supply, those with a D.C. supply, and those with no supply laid on at all. The man who has access to A.C. is usually regarded as being the most fortunate, owing to the ease with which the supply voltage may be stepped up to any desired extent without the use of rotating machinery of any sort. The disadvantage lies chiefly in the rectifier, of which it may be said that no really satisfactory type is available; chemical rectifiers are uncertain, and their efficiency depends on a great many details being carefully attended to; valve rectifiers are expensive to equip and run, and may burn out. Further, elaborate smoothing circuits are usually essential.

The D.C. man is well off where only a very small power of, say, 3 or 4 watts is required, as he can run his tubes off the mains at no expense whatever for H.T. supply, and little or no smoothing is required, even for telephony. As domestic supplies are nowhere in this country of above 250 volts, this method is unsatisfactory for higher powers as the filaments have to be run very brightly to get the necessary plate current, resulting in a rapid disintegration of the filament, or else a number of tubes must be used in parallel, leading to low efficiency all round. To those who cannot afford a motor generator to give 500 to 1,000 volts, or to be continually buying batteries, the following description may be of interest. The method which has been worked out consists in connecting a number of condensers in series and charging these at frequent intervals from the D.C. supply so as to maintain the voltage.

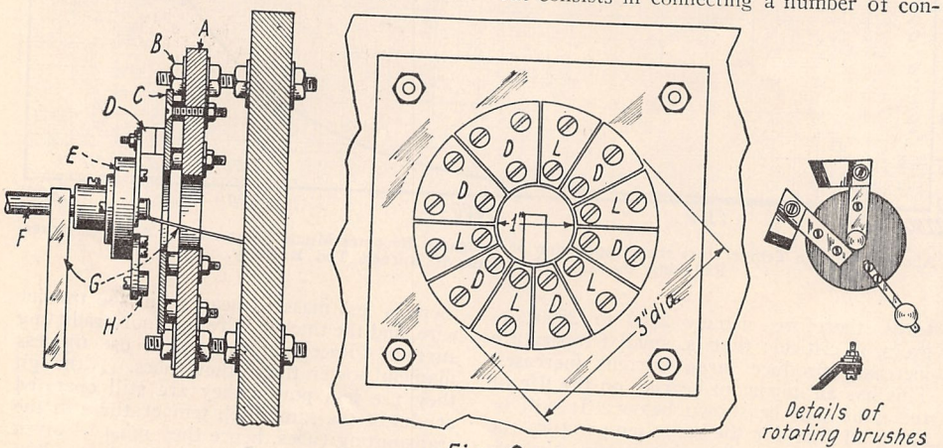

Fig. 2

Constructional Details of the Stationary Contacts and the Movable Brush Contacts That Compose a Portion of the Voltage Raiser.

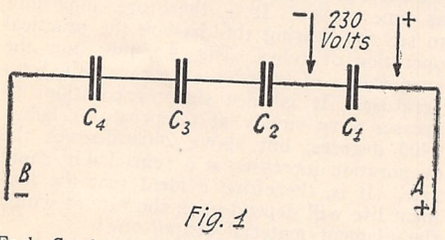

Fig. 1

Each Condenser is Charged Separately from the Power Line, and Discharges Through the Series Bank. A Constant High Voltage is Thereby Maintained.

In Fig. 1 if C_1, C_2, etc., are a number of condensers and the supply voltage, which will be assumed to be 230, is connected in turn across each condenser, the voltage across AB will be 920. If now AB is connected up to a transmitter, the condensers will discharge through it, and the voltage will gradually fall. To avoid this the condensers are recharged from the mains, and so on rapidly.

It will be seen that however often the condensers are charged, their voltage must drop to some extent in the interval between successive charges if they are supplying current; in other words, the output is not perfectly smooth, but it can be made very nearly smooth by suitably designing the charging device.

The first thing to fix on is the number of condensers in series, which, of course, determines the step-up effect desired. If the supply is at 230 volts, and it is desired to step up to about 900 volts, four banks of condensers should be used. It must be remembered that lower voltages can be easily obtained at any time by connecting the output terminals across only a part of the condensers.

As previously explained, there is a drop in voltage during discharge, so that in practice the output is somewhat less than as indicated above. With a suitably designed machine it is about 90 per cent, so that with four condensers in series the average output voltage is about 830.

To find the size of condensers for a given power, allowing this 10 per cent drop, the fundamental equation for condensers is used

$C = \frac{Q}{V}$ where C is the capacity in farads and Q is the quantity of electricity which passes in or out when the voltage is altered by an amount V. Assuming the flow of current, I amps, is practically constant during time t seconds of discharge, this may be altered to $C = \frac{It}{V}$.

If the average value of the output voltage on load is 90 per cent of that on no load, then approximately the minimum voltage across any condenser is 80 per cent of the maximum, or V is 20 per cent of the supply voltage, so if the interval t between charges is 0.02 sec. and the output current is 0.02 ampere (representing about 16 watts), the required capacity of condenser is

$$\frac{0.02 \times 0.02}{230 \times 0.2} = 0.0000087 \text{ farad, say } 10\ \mu F,$$

to allow a little margin.

The charging is accomplished by the machine to be described, the design of which may be varied considerably, but this particular one charges each condenser once per revolution of a small fan motor worked off the 230 volt supply. When running at 3,000 R.P.M., the interval between charging any condenser is nearly 0.02 second, as stated above.

The shaft of the motor bears a small insulating disc to which are fastened two rotating brushes and a balance weight to prevent vibration. The brushes consist of a number of phosphor bronze strips as used for rotary switches, bent over by a stiff piece of metal and bolted to the end of a metal arm as shown in Fig. 2. One arm has a contact stud screwed to it which makes contact with a fixed brush connected to one side of the input. The other supply line is connected through another fixed brush bearing on the motor shaft and through a screw fixing the second rotating brush to the small pulley or other metal disc attached to the shaft. Care must be taken to prevent the two rotary brushes or their connections making contact anywhere, for obvious reasons. To limit the current, in the event of a short circuit developing in the machine, a resistance of about 15 ohms is connected in one of the leads, preferably in the one not earthed. This passes enough current to blow the fuse, but prevents the burning up of the contacts, as would happen if a dead short took place.

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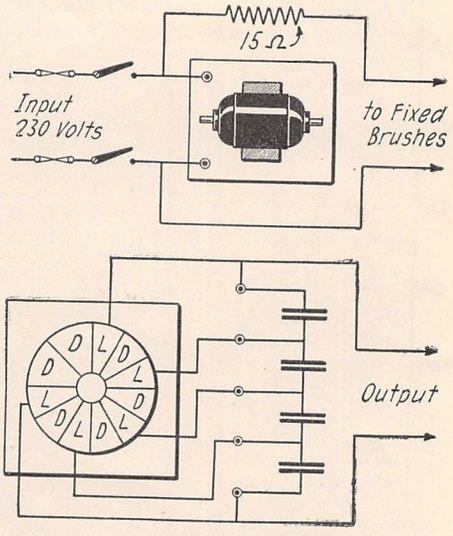


Fig. 3

Showing the Method of Connecting Up the Entire Unit. Be Sure the Condensers Are of Good Construction, and Will Withstand the Strain Placed Upon Them.

The Static Frequency Multiplier

For the Industrial Production of Very High-Frequency Currents In Radio Telegraphy

By MARIUS LATOUR, M.I.R.E.

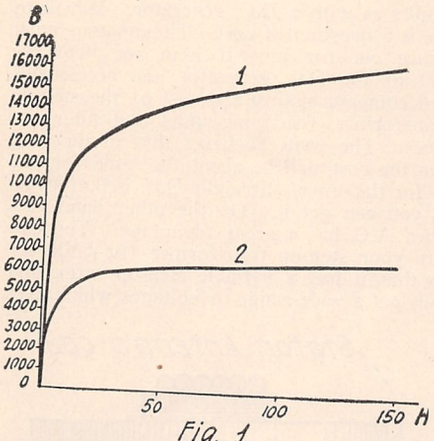


Fig. 1

Curves of Magnetism for 1 Silicium Steel and 2 Nickel Steel (Alloy Y)

IT is now possible to obtain directly and efficiently, by means of high-frequency alternators, currents having frequencies of 30,000 to 40,000 cycles per second. In order to do so, it is preferable to use either ordinary homopolar alternators having the great peripheral speed of 250 meters per second or homopolar machines with reduced number of stator slots as previously described by the author* and having the relatively low peripheral speed of 150 meters per second.

By admitting greater peripheral speed even for alternators having a reduced number of stator slots, it is possible to attain a frequency of between 50,000 and 60,000 cycles per second; but it does not seem possible to industrially realize, under efficient mechanical and electrical conditions, higher frequencies directly by means of high-frequency alternators. It is, however, indispensable to obtain such higher frequencies and particularly for outputs of from 5 to 20 kilowatts, if we want dynamo-electrical generators to compete with thermionic tube generators which are rapidly evolving.

It was with this object in view that the author, several years ago, interested himself in static frequency multipliers, the operation of which depends, as is well known, on the phenomenon of magnetic saturation.

Before undertaking the construction of such apparatus the author preferred seeking a magnetic substance which would be more suitable to this application than either iron or silicon-iron.

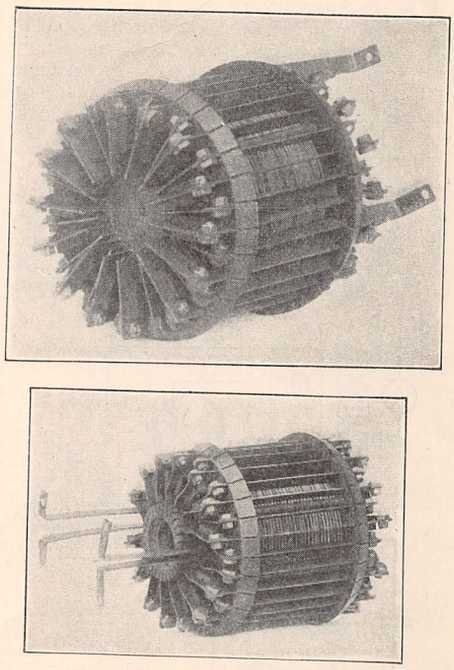
To begin with, the author first proposed in French Patent No. 491,184 of May, 1915, the use, in frequency multipliers, of magnetic substances such as nickel which possess a magnetic curve similar to that of iron, but on a scale reduced along the induction axis. These substances, in which the saturation phenomenon occurs at lower inductions than in iron, afford the possibility of turning this phenomenon into account by resorting to much smaller magnetic induction variations than with iron. These induction variations then become more compatible with the high frequency in question from the point of view of losses. Since then, the author has carried out investigations in order to determine such a substance, in the nickel-steel series, possessing at the same time a small hysterisis co-efficient and a great resistivity whilst being sufficiently malleable to be laminated into sheets of 0,05 to 0.06 mm. thick. (See French Patent No. 510,462 of May, 1919).

In May, 1920, Mr. Guillaume, having confirmed certain data, it was possible to obtain, with the co-operation of the Imphy Steel Works, a very interesting alloy which we shall hereafter refer to as the Y alloy.

The 0.05 to 0.06 mm. sheets of this alloy were compared to the best sheets of equally thick silicon-iron, which could be produced for frequency multipliers. The measurements were carried out at the Laboratoire Central d'Electricité under the direction of Mr. Jouaust. The alloy in question was tested at a temperature of 100° C. The results of the comparison are as follows:

Magnetic Curve—Fig. 1 shows both the silicon-iron magnetic curve I and the Y alloy curve II. It may be at once noted that the Y alloy curve is much the same as that of the silicon-iron reduced to 0.4 along its induction axis. The sample of silicon-iron sheets under test presents this peculiarity, however, of being relatively little permeable at high inductions.

Hysterisis—The author already pointed out (See Radio Review of August, 1920) that the laminating of these substances into sheets as thin as 0.05 to 0.06 mm., appreciably increases their hysterisis. The hysterisis co-efficient of the 0.05 to 0.06 mm., silicon-iron sample, the magnetic curve of which is shown in Fig. 1, is nevertheless but 0.0014 for an induction of 2,600 gausses and 0.0026 for an induction of 17,600 gausses. In view of the thinness of the sheets in question these figures must be regarded as being very low. It occurs, however, that the hysterisis co-efficient of the 0.05 to 0.06 mm., Y alloy is more advantageous since it is 0.0014 for an induction of 7,000 gausses at which this alloy is saturated.



Front and Back Views of a Frequency Multiplier of the Latour Type.

Resistivity—The difficulties of laminating iron having a large amount of silicon, into very thin sheets, are well known. The silicon-iron resistivity for the sample under test is nevertheless 45 microhms-cms., i.e., 50 per cent higher than that of the best sheets actually available on the market. Now, the Y alloy resistivity is still higher, being 85 microhms-centimeters.

Hence, the superiority of the Y alloy sheets over the best silicon-iron sheets, inasmuch as frequency multiplier applications are concerned, is considerable. These Y alloy sheets permit of a much higher efficiency at very high frequencies; as a consequence we may avoid the complications inherent to frequency multipliers necessitated for the evacuation of the excessive quantity of heat generated therein.

The losses per cubic centimeter may be calculated by means of the author's formula (See Revue Générale d'Electricité, April 13, 1918). As a matter of fact, it is only at a frequency of about 100,000 cycles per second that the value of the eddy-current losses reaches that of the hysterisis losses and this for an induction corresponding to saturation.

By using the Y alloy, it has been possible to realize the trebling and quintupling of a frequency of 33,000 cycles per second *without using any direct current* and with a very easy cooling of the multiplier.

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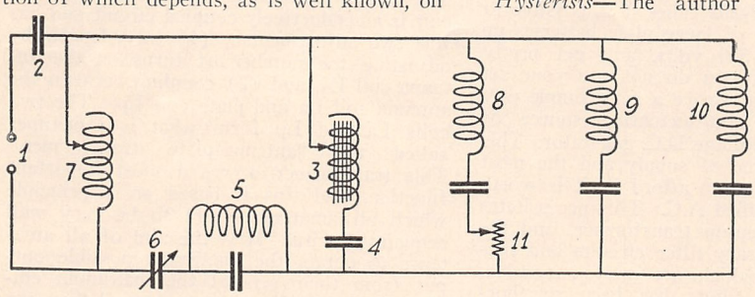

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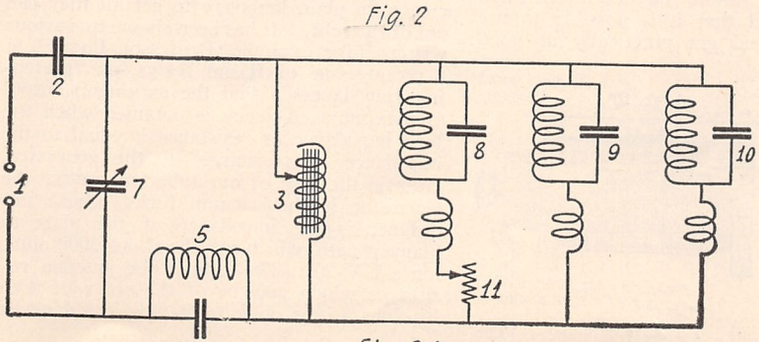


Fig. 2-A

Two Circuits Utilizing the Frequency Multiplier. 1 Alternator, 2 Compounding Capacity, 3 Multiplier, 4 Stabilizing Capacity, 5 Trap Tuned for Multiple Frequency, 6 Variable Condenser, 7 Variable Inductance, 8, 9 and 10 Resonant Circuits, 11 Output Resistance.

*See the author's U. S. Patent No. 1,234,914.

Continuous Wave and Radiophone Transmitters

By L. R. FELDER

Part II.

IN the introductory article of this series we considered the theory of the generation of continuous waves by means of vacuum tubes and showed how a simple miniature transmitter could be made of any regenerative receiving set. In this article we will go one step further and take up the subject of designing a lower power 5-watt C.W. transmitter.

In a low power outfit of this description it is desirable to make it as simple as possible, and to this end the more elaborate and complicated circuits are not desirable; the circuit should have as few parts as is consistent with good performance. There are a number of very simple circuits which are particularly suitable for such sets and in this discussion we will describe two such circuits. Before going into the details it is desirable to discuss the question of the power supply, namely what power is suitable for the filament and plate.

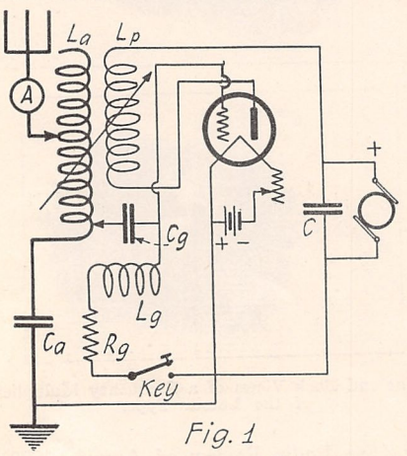


Fig. 1

Circuit of a Low Power C.W. Transmitter La, 25 Turns. Lp, 50 Turns. Ca, .0003 M.F. Cg. .002 M.F., C, 1.0 M.F.. Rg, 5000 Ohms. Lg, L200 H. C. Coil.

For oscillator tube a single 5-watt vacuum tube of the type of the Radio Corporation of America's UV-202 is recommended. Of the tubes now on the market for sale to the general public this one will be found to be most satisfactory. It requires about 7.5 volts across the filament terminals and about 250 to 350 volts on the plate. The tube is so designed that the plate voltage may be increased to values as high as 400 to 500 volts in which case more power will be secured. For filament power three sources are available, (1) storage batteries, (2) direct current obtained from D.C. lighting mains, and (3) alternating current from A.C. lighting mains. The actual choice depends largely on which source of power is more available and convenient. If storage batteries are used it will be necessary to have two 6-volt batteries in series in order to obtain the requisite voltage. These should also be of fairly high ampere-hour capacity, 80 to 100 ampere-hours would be very good. If the storage battery power is already on hand it might be cheaper from the point of view of initial cost to use this source of supply. If the power supply in any given location is direct current, 120 or 220 volts, it will be necessary to use a large resistance having a fairly high current carrying capacity, since the current taken by the filament of the 5-watt tube is in the neighborhood of 2.3 amperes. Once this is secured there is no further trouble and you have a source of power which is always at hand and requires no attention. If the power supply in any given location is alternating current then it will be necessary to use a step down transformer to convert the usual 110 volts A.C. to the required 12 volts. The storage battery has the disadvantage that it has to be charged every once in so often and looked after to see that the specific gravity of the solution is up to par and so on. If a battery charger is available at home this is not so bad, but if the battery has to be taken down to a charging station every time, the whole business becomes a burden and a nuisance. In general the lighting main supply is most convenient and least troublesome. As between D.C. and A.C. from the lighting mains the amateur will generally not have a choice. Either there is D.C. or A.C. available and he must pick the one at hand. If a choice actually can be made it is recommended that A.C. be used for reasons of tube life economy. It has been established that the use of A.C. for the filament has the effect of prolonging the life of the tube, and inasmuch as tubes are rather costly any expedient which prolongs tube life is desirable.

If A.C. is decided on there is the question of the filament transformer. This may either be made or purchased outright. Unless one has facilities for building a transformer it is questionable whether anything is gained by building rather than by purchasing. Many amateurs have the queer notion that anything made is always better than anything bought. This is not so. What counts is the result, and the man who spends $10.00 for a real good filament transformer and gets action is much better off (and incidentally a better amateur) than the so-called amateur who sweats trying to "make" a transformer and gets no results. This does not mean that all home made transformers are not good. If you have the facilities and are a good mechanic there is no reason why you should not make a good transformer, but there are some very excellent and high grade filament transformers now on the market which are just suitable for the set here mentioned.

When it comes to the plate power supply for low power tubes there are three sources of power: (1) A bank of large "B" Batteries. With UV-202 tubes it is possible to string up a bank of large plate batteries up to, say, 300 or 350 volts, and get pretty good results. If you do not use your set too much this may prove a very simple way of obtaining a non-fluctuating source of D.C. (2) High voltage D.C. generator. This is the ideal source of supply and the most desirable. If you can afford it, it is worth while. (3) Rectified A.C. This necessitates the use of a step-up transformer, and the use of the necessary filter circuits and rectifying devices which are very expensive. The subject of filters has been so thoroughly developed that it is possible to use rectified A.C. and get practically as good results as with a D.C. generator. Which to use is a question of cost. The amateur must figure out for himself item for item the cost of the D.C. generator and accessories and compare against the cost of the step-up transformer, rectifying units and filter devices. The writer believes that in the long run the cost will be about the same for one as for the other. Straight D.C. is preferable if you can get it. On the other hand rectified A.C. has a great advantage. You can buy your step-up transformer (or build it) so that it has a variable step-up ratio, and thus get a wide range of voltages which may later come in handy for higher power tubes. D.C. generators are generally built for a definite voltage, and thus lack the flexibility of transformers. You pay your money and pick whichever you think more suitable for your purposes. The question of building a right rectifier and filter circuit will be left to a later article when it can be taken up more in detail. We will therefore assume in this article that the plate supply is available in one form or another and that direct current voltage is applied to the plate.

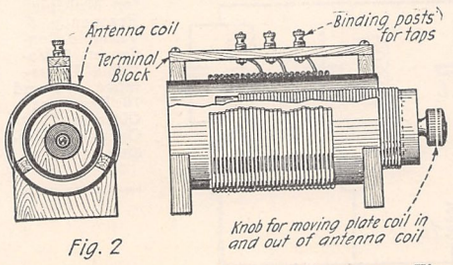
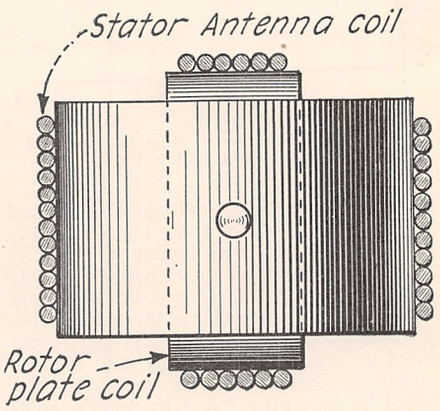


Fig. 2

A Practical Mounting for the Inductances. The Plate Coil Slides Inside the Antenna Coil



The Two Coils May Be Mounted Variometer Fashion.

The circuit here recommended for a 5-watt set or under is illustrated schematically in Fig. 1, in which complete connections and circuit constants are given. The circuit is an inductively coupled circuit and has just two adjustments: (1) wave-length, by adjusting the number of turns on the antenna coil La, and (2) coupling between the antenna coil La and plate coil Lp. The two coils La and Lp form what is sometimes called the "antenna-plate transformer." This transformer serves a most important function, and this is based on a principle which all amateurs ought to be very well acquainted with. It is the aim of all amateurs to obtain the maximum possible output from their sets at the maximum efficiency, in plain language to get all they can out of the tube. It has been shown by various writers (for example, Professor Powers in a recent issue of RADIO NEWS, on "Matching Impedances") that the maximum output at maximum efficiency is obtained when the load impedance or resistance is equal to the impedance or resistance of the generator. Now in the case of our tube transmitter the generator is the vacuum tubes, whose impedance is the impedance of the plate to filament path, which may be about 5000 ohms for a UV-202. The load is the antenna resistance which may be of the order of 8 to 16 ohms. It is obvious that we could never

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Audio Frequency Transformers

By CLYDE J. FITCH

QUALITY in radio music depends largely upon the characteristics of the audio frequency amplifying transformers employed. It is usually the amplifying transformers that determine whether the received programs will be music or noise, and in order to aid purchasers in selecting efficient transformers and also help manufacturers in designing them, this article has been prepared. After making extensive tests on some two dozen different types of audio transformers now on the market, the writer came to the conclusion that there are very few really efficient ones and that the best have possibilities of great improvement.

The difficulty involved in designing an efficient audio frequency transformer is to produce one that will function equally as well on one frequency as on another. Unlike power transformers designed for operation on one frequency only, an amplifying transformer is subjected to a wide range of frequencies, from the lowest notes of the saxophone to the highest notes of the piccolo. Hence, it is no easy matter to construct a transformer that will give high and uniform voltage amplification over the above wide range of frequencies. If the transformer is not as efficient on the lower notes as on the higher, the higher notes will be amplified to a much greater extent than the lower ones, and the quality of the amplified music or speech impaired. Distortion will be introduced, with no possibility of correction unless better transformers are employed.

Most manufacturers employ the cut and try method in the design of amplifying transformers until an efficient one is obtained. Of course it is well known that the transformer should match the vacuum tubes employed with it; that is, the impedance of the primary coil should equal the plate to filament impedance of the tube, and the impedance of the secondary coil should equal the grid to filament impedance of the tube. But as the impedances of the transformer varies considerably with the frequency, and as the impedances of the tubes vary with their adjustments, these conditions are only satisfied approximately. They do not mean much and do not always hold true. Only a general idea of the approximate number of turns and size of core can be obtained.

Fig. 1 shows the arrangement of the coils in all of the present day transformers. The primary coil is inside and comprises from 2000 to 3000 turns of fine wire, about No. 40 B. & S. gauge. The secondary coil comprises from 3 to 10 times as many turns of about the same size wire, hence it is evident that it is useless to attempt to wind one by hand. In this illustration, and also in the others, the terminals are marked to correspond with the vacuum tube connections, which arrangement, through years of experimenting, has been found the best. It will be noted that the outside end of the secondary winding should connect to the grid of the tube. This is to avoid the condenser effect between the grid and the primary coil, which would exist if the grid was connected to the inside of the secondary coil adjacent to the primary coil.

The next important part of the transformer is the iron core. The transformer consists of three parts: primary coil, secondary coil and iron core. At one time there was an audio transformer on the market that had no iron core. Just the two coils were employed, which were necessarily large due to the absence of the iron core, but this type of transformer has been discarded as inefficient and costly.

The iron core is made up of many thin pieces of soft iron. It offers a low resistance path for the magnetic lines of force set up around the coils when in use. The best silicon steel should be used for the core and the thinner the laminations the better in order to reduce hysteresis and eddy current losses. The majority of transformers employ a core having a cross-sectional area of ½"x½". Some have larger cores. Figs. 2 and 3 show two types of transformers with cores assembled. The iron laminations are interleaved, dove-tail fashion at the corners, to make good magnetic joints. There are only a few constructed according to Fig. 2 now on the market, but this type is as good as the other if properly designed. The cores of course are clamped between insulating pieces on which the binding posts

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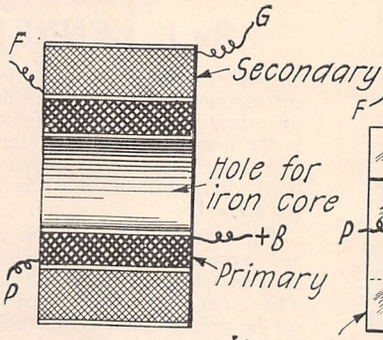

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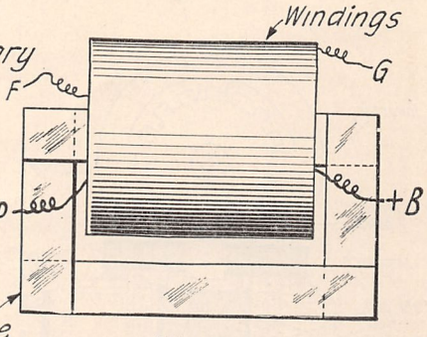
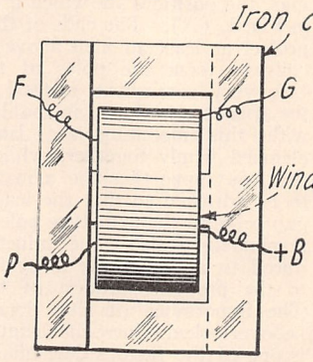


Fig. 2

Construc-tional Details of Various Types of Audio Frequency Transformers. Fig. 4 Shows a Home-Made Transformer Which Gives Good Results.



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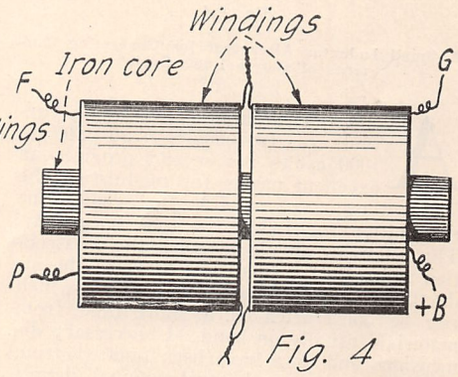

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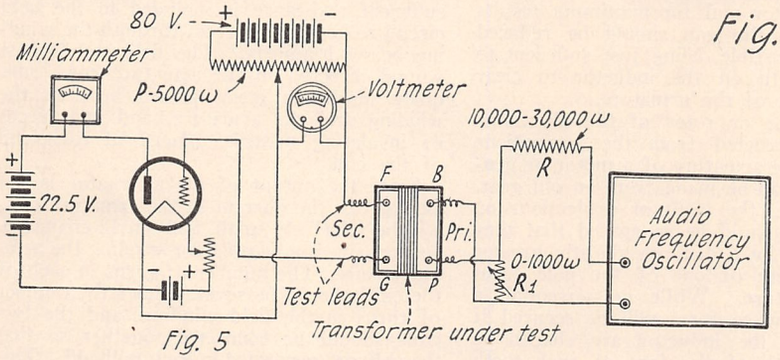
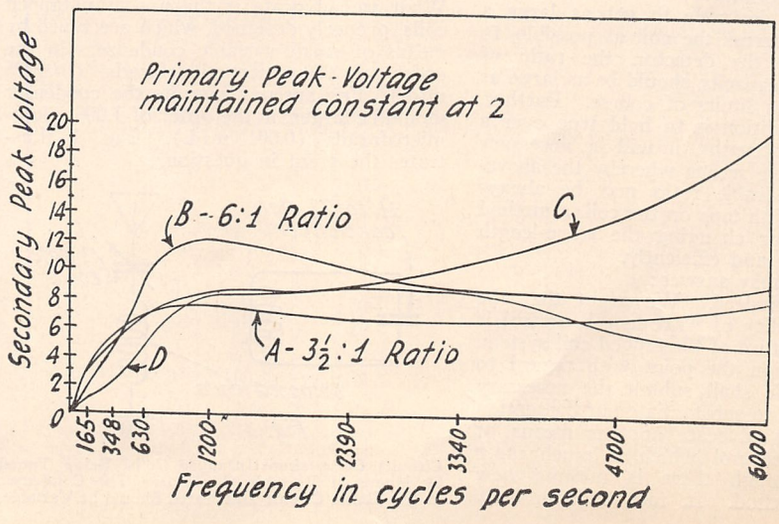


Fig. 5

Circuit Used for Testing Transformers.



Amplification Curves of Various Audio Frequency Transformers, Showing Relative Efficiency.

A High Frequency Alternator for Tone Modulation

By K. KENNETHÉ

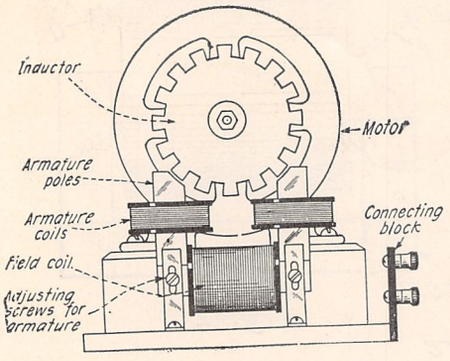


Fig. 1 A

A Small Inductor Alternator for Generating Currents of 500 to 1,000 Cycles.

A SMALL alternator generating currents of frequencies from 500 to 1000 cycles per second provides an excellent means for modulating the output of a C.W. or radiophone transmitter for I.C.W. or tone telegraphy. The following article describes the construction and use of a small alternator of the inductor type designed for this purpose, which can be constructed in a short time from materials usually on hand. Unnecessary dimensions and data have been omitted from this description, and constructional details have been made as general as possible.

As shown in the illustration, Fig. 1, (A), the alternator consists, essentially, of a stationary armature on which are wound the field and armature coils of the alternator, and a toothed inductor or rotor mounted on the shaft of a small motor. Briefly the theory of the operation of the device is as follows:

As the inductor rotates, the reluctance of the magnetic circuit through the inductor and armature core is varied periodically from maximum to minimum, due to the variations in the length of the air gap between the inductor and the poles of the armature as the projections on the inductor pass the armature poles. This produces a corresponding variation in the flux linking the armature windings, generating an E.M.F. in the armature windings, the frequency of which is equal to the number of projections on the inductor multiplied by the revolutions per second.

The armature or core on which the field and armature coils are wound should be built up of laminations of transformer steel. The cross-sectional area of the core need not be greater than 1 square inch, the other dimensions of the core being sufficient to allow space for the field and armature windings, the positions of which are as indicated in Fig. 1, (A). The ends of the core should project at least an inch above the armature coils to form the poles of the armature.

A very convenient method of mounting the armature is shown in the illustration, for with this mounting the laminations are clamped firmly together, while the slots in the legs supporting the armature permit it to be adjusted so that the length of the air gap between the armature poles and the corresponding teeth on the inductor can be reduced to a minimum; a condition essential to the proper operation of the alternator. The importance of this detail should not be overlooked, since the length of this gap is one of the factors determining the output of the alternator and for maximum results the length of the gap should be reduced as much as possible, being just sufficient to allow the teeth on the inductor to clear the pole faces of the armature.

The inductor or rotor of the alternator may be constructed from the laminations taken from the armature of a motor or generator, or it can be made from an old gear. In either case, the teeth or projections on the inductor should be so spaced that they are separated by a distance slightly greater than the length of one of the pole faces of the armature. While not essential, a much better wave form will be secured if the teeth on the inductor are shaped so that the length of the face of each tooth will be much less than the length of the base, the length of each side of the tooth being

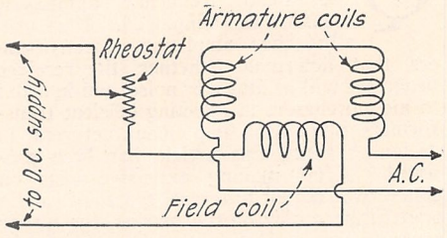


Fig. 1 B

A Diagram of Connections of the Alternator

equal. This will make the tooth triangular in shape. The inductor should be of approximately the same width as the armature and should be mounted directly on the shaft of the motor driving the alternator.

The design of the armature and field windings is governed largely by the voltage of the D.C. source employed to excite the field. Ordinarily, the field winding may be of No. 20 to 26 S.C.C. copper wire, the number of turns in the winding depending on the voltage of the source from which the field is to be excited. If this is a 6-volt storage battery, from 200 to 400 turns can be used in the field winding, and the same can be used satisfactorily for higher voltages, providing sufficient resistance is included in the field circuit to keep the current through the winding below 1 ampere. The field coil is best wound directly on the armature core, adequate insulation being placed between the winding and the armature, and end pieces of insulating material placed at each end of the coil.

Since the output of the alternator is not very great, the current in the armature coils will be relatively small, and small, enameled, copper wire can be used for winding the armature coils. The number of turns in each of the coils should be several times the number of turns in the field winding, and the two coils should be connected together so that the voltages generated in each will add. This connection is best determined by experiment.

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Throw Those Taps Away

By BERT T. BONAVENTURE

WHY designers of radio sets insist on having a set of switch taps to adorn the face of a panel is not a difficult question to answer. Their reply would be somewhat as follows:

Since it is desirable to get as large a voltage drop across the coil as possible, to better actuate the detector, the ratio of inductance to capacity should be as large as possible, within limits of course. Further, since this condition is to hold true over a band of wave-lengths. it will be necessary to provide some means whereby the above-mentioned desirable ratio may be always attainable. With taps on the coil, a method is obtained for changing the wave-length quickly, easily and efficiently.

To this we may answer:

Very true indeed. We grant that the ease and rapidity of wave-length control is a valuable feature of the tapped coil system, but we question the point with regard to efficiency. We shall submit the necessary data herewith to substantiate our contention and we shall advocate another means of wave-length control which is much more efficient, although there is nothing new about the method. In fact, it is in daily use on hundreds of sets. What we wish to do is merely to bring the attention of builders and designers to bear on the subject and to have the method universally adopted on all sets where it is applicable. What we advocate is the use of untapped coils, properly designed, which are tuned by means of small variable condensers in the order of 250 micromicrofarads (0.00025 mfd.) For antenna circuits the condenser should be larger, in the order of 1,000 micromicrofarads (0.001 mfd.). Fig. 1 illustrates the point in question.

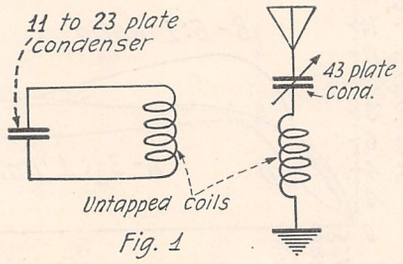

Fig. 1

Circuits Composing Untapped Coils, Being Tuned by Means of Variable Capacities. The Condenser in the Shunt Circuit Illustrated Should be Variable.

In passing, it may be well to point out that the use of Litzendraht wire for wave-lengths lower than 300 meters will not be as efficient as solid wire of relatively large cross-sectional area. Litzendraht wire is more suitable for the longer wave-lengths, especially where the coil is bank-wound.

From the mechanical point of view, several objectionable features exist in the tapped coil system. First, the taps themselves must be taken off the winding of the coil. This is done by either looping and twisting the wire at the spot where the tap is to be made, by soldering a lug at the desired place, at which the insulating cover has been scraped to allow the soldering to be done or else by drilling holes in the tubing where the tap comes off and threading the wire through in such a manner that it will not loosen. The foregoing tedious explanation is a fair picture of the actual job itself.

After the taps have been taken on the coil, they must be carried to the switch contacts, involving more soldering and wiring. Before the switch contacts can be put in place, the panel must be drilled to

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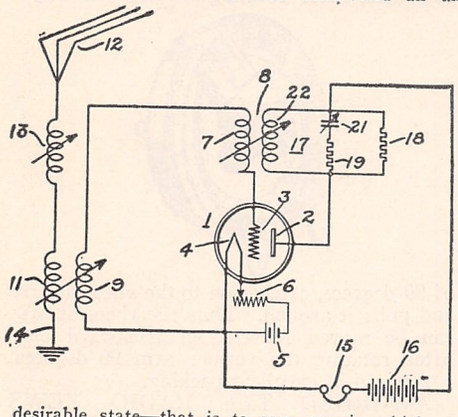
WIRELESS RECEIVING SYSTEM

(Patent No. 1,455,767. Issued to Joseph Slepian, Swissvale, Pa., May 15, 1923.)

The principal object of this invention is to provide an improved wireless receiving system, wherein received signal impulses are enormously amplified, and a system wherein undamped, continuous wave-signal impulses may be readily received without the customary heterodyning step heretofore employed. According to the invention, signal impulses to be detected are impressed upon a regenerative feed-back system, adjusted to what heretofore has been considered an un-

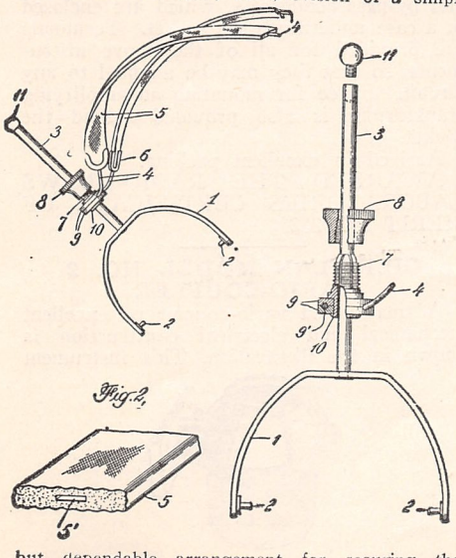


desirable state—that is to say, one in which an increase of the amplitude of the oscillations caused a more than proportional increase in the feed-back power, tending to maintain the oscillations continuously. The unbalanced condition of the system, which is effective following the application of the signal impulses, is made stable at pre-determined time intervals thereafter by means of thermally responsive elements, having a time lag in their responses. The maximum amplitude attained by the oscillations at the end of said time lag is dependent upon the intensity of the impulses, tending to unbalance the system. The single figure is a diagramatic view of a wireless receiving system, embodying this invention.

TELEPHONE HEAD SET

(Patent No. 1,447,969. Issued to Frederick Dietrich, of Flushing, N. Y., Assigned to C. Brandes, Inc., of New York, N. Y., March 13, 1923.)

This invention is directed to improvements in telephone headsets and has among its objects the provision of a device whereby the user of the headset may easily and quickly adjust the receivers to his ears; the provision of a simple



but dependable arrangement for securing the aforementioned device to the headband; and an improvement in the padding of the headband by the elimination of seams which practical experience has shown have a tendency to rip open due, it is believed, to the action of perspiration or oil from the hair of the user on the stitching.

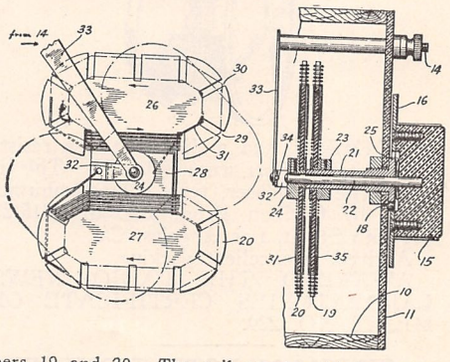
One of the principal features of the invention relates to the device before mentioned for adjusting the receivers to the ears of the user. This device is preferably in the form of a collet chuck having a concentric aperture in which a rod forming a part of a receiver supporting member is slidably and rotatably mounted. By means of an adjusting nut having a tapered thread engaging the collet, the latter may be contracted to securely grip the rod, and thus when the receivers are adjusted to the satisfaction of the user he may, by simply turning the adjusting nut, fasten them in that position. This device, as will be seen, engages the rod on practically its complete circumference and its design is such that a powerful gripping action is obtained even with a relatively slight turn of the nut.

VARIOMETER

(Patent No. 1,456,267. Issued to Harold Potter Donle, of Meriden, Conn., May 22, 1923.)

The main object of my invention is to provide a variable inductive apparatus characterized by a considerable range and ease of adjustment of inductance values, relatively small and constant electrical resistance, and low distributed capacity. Another object is to make such a device compact, simple, light yet durable, and at a relatively low cost. When used for instance in a radio receiver, my device accommodates a large range of wave-lengths, provides simple tuning adjustments with small electrical losses. I have shown it in a form which is easily portable, and although economically made, it is durable.

Inside of the box are mounted a plurality of coil members, at least one of which is stationary, and at least one of which is rotatable. In the form shown there are two of these coil mem-



bers 19 and 20. The coil member 19 is carried by a sleeve 21 which projects rearwardly from the cover or front plate of the box, and the coil member 20 is carried by the spindle 22 which is secured to the operating knob 15. The sleeve 21 is stationary and the coil member 19 may be secured to it in a suitable manner, for instance, by means of a metal hub 23 and set screw. Similiarly the coil member 20 may be secured to the shaft 22 by a hub 24 and set screw so that the coil members may be readily attached or adjusted on their respective supports. I may also provide a resilient washer 25 in the back of the operating knob to hold the hub 24 in yielding contact with the end of the sleeve 21. It will be seen that the two coil members may be adjusted closer together or further apart by simply sliding the hub 23 and its coil member along the sleeve 21, and then securing it in place by the set screw. By making the spacing between the two coil members as small as is mechanically feasible, the ratio of maximum inductance to minimum inductance, or, in other words, the range of the instrument is made extremely large.

The coil members may be all identical and each may consist of a single length of wire especially wound so as to provide two oppositely disposed polygonal parts. In this form, each part is spirally wound on a slotted support so that short lengths zig zag back and forth, first on one side and then on the other side of the support, adjacent turns crossing each other in the slots at intervals. The two parts are so wound and connected that the current travels in them in oppostie directions. Preferably, the supporting part of each coil member is formed of a plate of insulating material having a central arm 28 and two extended heads 26 and 27 on opposite ends of the arm.

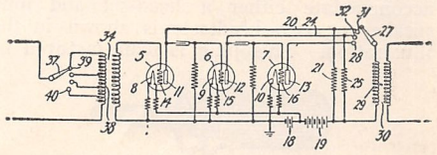
MULTI-STAGE AMPLIFIER CIRCUITS

(Patent No. 1,459,419. Issued to Edward O. Scriven, of New York, N. Y., June 19, 1923.)

This invention relates to multi-stage amplifier circuits and more particularly it relates to vacuum tube circuits wherein a plurality of repeaters or amplifiers are employed to amplify signals impressed thereon from an incoming line.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide a means for regulating the degree of amplification of a multi-stage amplifier set for signals impressed thereon.

As is well known in the art, weak currents or signals may be amplified to any desired degree by impressing them on a plurality of vacuum tube amplifiers arranged to work into each other by suitable circuit connections. In employing such a multi-stage amplifier set for amplifying weak currents, it is frequently found undesirable



to use the total amplification of the set before impressing the amplified currents on the outgoing line or the receiving instrument, since the degree of amplification desired for each particular case will depend largely upon the strength of the incoming currents and on the electrical conditions in the output circuit into which the amplifiers work. It is also frequently desirable to cut down the degree of amplification to prevent overloading the last stages.

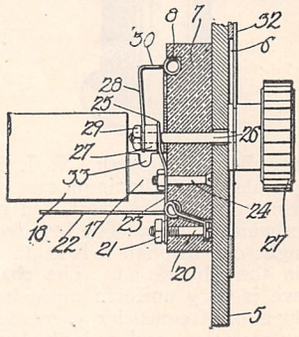
In accordance with this invention, a single switching means is employed to cut in or out one or more of the plurality of the amplifiers so as to regulate the amount of amplification for any given case. An additional switch is also provided for regulating the strength of the currents impressed on the first tube so that by operating both switches any desired degree of amplification from the set may be obtained.

COMBINED RHEOSTAT AND SOCKET

(Patent No. 1,451,024. Issued to Conrad Klemmer and Walter P. Koechel, of Bogota, N. J., April 10, 1923.)

This invention relates to a combined socket and rheostat unit and more particularly to a novel and improved device adapted particularly to be mounted on the panel of a radio outfit without resorting to the use of separate fastening elements or mountings.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a vacuum bulb or tube holding socket which is connected to an insulated block or support so that it combines with the same to com-



prise a unit whereby the same is attachable to a panel and arranged so that the conductors leading to the positive and negative filaments may be easily connected as is common in various types of radio receiving outfits.

RECEIVING ARRANGEMENT FOR WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

(Patent No. 1,454,328. Issued to Alexander Meissner, of Berlin, Germany, May 8, 1923.)

The object of the present invention is an improvement on the wireless telegraph receiving arrangements disclosed in German Patent 332,581.

In accordance with the main patent, a cathode relay is actuated by means of an alternating current generator at the receiving station, whereby the received high frequency energy is at the

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Apparatus Awarded Certificates

NOTICE

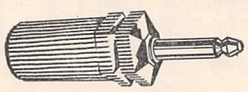
Mr. Louis Gerard Pacent, Director of Radio News Laboratories, resigned August 6, 1923.

Due to Mr. Pacent's large interests, it was impossible for him to give sufficient time to the ever increasing work of Radio News Laboratories.

H. GERNSBACK.

FIVE CIRCUIT SWITCH PLUG

A five circuit switch plug designed to accommodate either a head-set and loud speaker or two head-sets is shown in the illustration. This plug is manufactured by



George E. Walker Co., St. Louis, Mo. An ingenious switching arrangement operated by turning the plug connects in either the phones or loud talker independently, or the two in parallel or in series or disconnects them both from the receiving set. The insulating material is of bakelite. The plug is not much larger than the ordinary telephone plug. The phone cords may be anchored to a metal ring inside, so that jerking the cords will not pull on the tips. This plug is of very good mechanical construction and of neat appearance.

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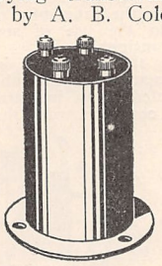
COLE AUDIO FREQUENCY TRANSFORMER

This amplifying transformer, which is manufactured by A. B. Cole, Inc. of 88



E. Kinney Street, Newark, N. J. is hermetically sealed in an aluminum case, making the instrument moisture proof and immune from mechanical injury. The four terminals are brought out through a bakelite top, as shown in the illustration. The characteristic curve is very uniform throughout the wide range of frequencies encountered in broadcast reception, and a high degree of voltage amplification is obtained.

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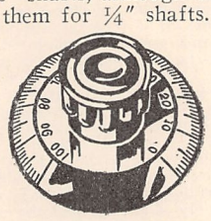
GILFILLAN DIALS

Gilfillan Bros., Inc. submitted two dials, type R.175, 2¼" black, and type R.150 3" brown bakelite, one of which is shown in the illustration. They are mechanically accurate and of pleasing appearance. The graduations are in white and show up very distinctly. The set screws, for clamping the dials to shafts, are threaded in metal inserts imbedded in the bakelite mould. Both are for 3/16" shafts, although this company also makes them for ¼" shafts.



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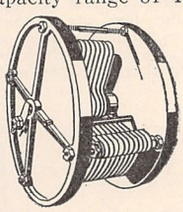
GILFILLAN CONDENSER

A variable condenser of simple yet accurate mechanical construction and of high electrical efficiency is shown in the illustration. Moulded bakelite end plates support the condenser elements. The shaft turns in metal bearings imbedded in the bakelite forms. A capacity range of from 15.66 to



700.71 M.M.F. and a dielectric loss resistance of 240 ohms were obtained. This is a 23-plate condenser, type R.375, manufactured by Gilfillan Bros., Inc. of 1815-25 W. 16th Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

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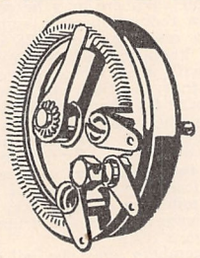
GILFILLAN POTENTIOMETER

This potentiometer, type R.700, is of very durable construction and neat appearance. A moulded bakelite form supports the resistance element and contact arm. Phosphor bronze springs insure excellent electrical contact. The instrument is only 2¼" in diameter, the same size as this company's



rheostat, and has a resistance of 190 ohms.

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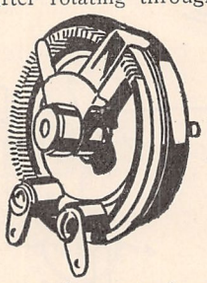
GILFILLAN VERNIER RHEOSTAT

A vernier rheostat of novel design and employing only one control shaft and dial for operating both rheostat and vernier is shown in the illustration. This instrument is also manufactured by Gilfillan Bros., Inc., and is known as its type R.800 vernier rheostat. As shown in the illustration, a resistance wire passes around the outside of the moulded bakelite form and provides for the vernier adjustment. Two contact arms are employed, but only the outside or vernier arm is rigidly secured to the shaft. This arm, after rotating through an angle



of 90 degrees, catches on to the rheostat arm and pulls it around. Thus the rheostat arm can be moved forward or backward only after rotating the vernier arm 90 degrees.

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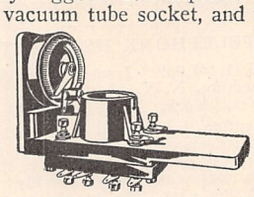
GILFILLAN DETECTOR UNIT ASSEMBLY

Simplicity in building and wiring radio receiving sets may be obtained by using this type R.475 detector unit assembly, which is manufactured by Gilfillan Bros., Inc. This device is of moulded bakelite construction and is very rugged. It comprises a filament rheostat, vacuum tube socket, and fixed grid



and by-pass condensers, which are enclosed in a case underneath the socket. Terminals are provided for all of the above instruments, so that they may be adapted to any circuit. Space for mounting an amplifying transformer is also provided behind the socket.

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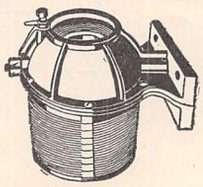
GILFILLAN MODEL NO. 2 VARIO-COUPLER

A small sized vario-coupler of excellent mechanical and electrical construction is shown in the illustration. This instrument



is only 4" high and the primary coil 3" in diameter, and is arranged for both panel and base mounting. The form is of brown bakelite. Excellent results were obtained on both amateur and broadcast reception. The

bearings are mechanically accurate and insure good electrical contact with the 3/16" shaft which makes connections with the inside rotor coil. This vario-coupler, type R.650, is also manufactured by Gilfillan Bros., Inc.

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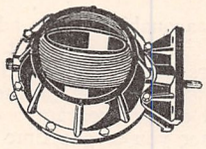
GILFILLAN MODEL NO. 1 VARIOMETER

As shown in the illustration, this variometer is of excellent electrical and mechanical construction and is arranged for both



panel and base mounting by simply shifting the location of the bakelite mounting brackets. This variometer is manufactured by Gilfillan Bros., Inc., and when connected in series with the secondary winding of the Model No. 2 Variocoupler, a range of from 140 to 450 meters was covered. This instrument is of the standard size and of the usual design.

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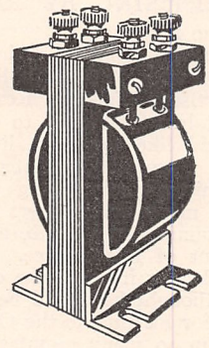
FEDERAL NO. 65 AUDIO FREQUENCY TRANSFORMER

For maximum efficiency in the amplification of orchestral music and speech the Federal Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Buffalo, N. Y. have produced the amplify-



ing transformer shown in the illustration. This instrument is larger and of more rugged construction than this company's former type; the windings are shielded and entirely protected from mechanical injury. Exceptionally high and uniform voltage amplification was obtained throughout a range of frequencies from 300 to 6,000 cycles per second, and fair amplification beyond these limits. This transformer is ideal for use in broadcast reception where a minimum of distortion is desired.

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CAMEO GRAND HEAD-SET

The Cameo Grand head-phones are manu-

factured by the Cannon and Miller Co., Inc., of Springwater, N. Y. The phones are of the standard 2-pole construction employing 2⅛" iron diaphragms. The shells are of aluminum. The headband is of simple construction, easy to adjust, and may be worn with comfort. The cords are marked and the polarity stamped on the phone shells, so as to aid in properly connecting them to a radio set. The resistance is 2,200 ohms and the impedance, at 1,000 cycles, approximately 23,000 ohms. The phones are very sensitive and reproduce with a minimum of distortion.

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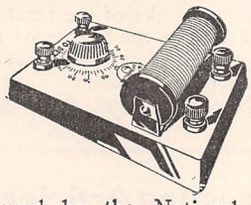
NATIONAL INTERFERENCE ELIMINATOR

Interference between two or more stations so often encountered in broadcast reception may be effectively eliminated by properly tuning the receiving set in conjunction with this interference eliminator, which is a wave trap employing a fixed inductance and a variable book type condenser. It is



manufactured by the National Airphone Corp., of 20 Hudson St., New York City. With the two inductances furnished with the instrument a range of from 175 to 675 meters is covered, thus making the instrument suitable for eliminating unwanted stations operating on any wave length within that range; hence, the instrument is desirable for use during broadcast reception. This wave trap may be effectively used with any type of receiving set. The green silk covered coils are of very neat appearance.

Arrived in excellent packing, with circular showing different methods of connecting.

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RADIOTIVE LOUD TALKER

Quality as well as quantity seems to be the aim of the Radiotive Corporation of 5317-21 21st Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., in producing its loud speaking telephone equipment. The type E loud talker shown in the illustration

faithfully reproduces the wide range of sound frequencies encountered in broadcast reception and is exceptionally accurate on the lower notes, due to the absence of higher harmonies which are inevitably present in many instruments of this nature. The construction is of the balanced armature type, employing a reinforced corrugated non-magnetic diaphragm. The horn is of fibre.

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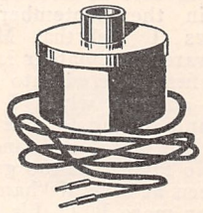
RADIOTIVE PHONOGRAPH ATTACHMENTS

In order to combine the excellent acoustic properties of the phonograph horn with the life-like tones from the radio set, the Radiotive Corporation has designed two loud speaking phonograph attachments, one



large type F, and one small, type J, one of which is shown in the illustration. The construction of each is similar, employing the same principle as is used in the loud talker described above. Both of these instruments are noted for their excellent quality in addition to being very efficient on both weak and strong signals. Each of these units has an impedance of approximately 18,500 ohms at 1,000 cycles and a resistance of 700 ohms.

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RADIOTIVE HEAD-PHONES

The Radiotive Corporation manufactures also the head-set shown in the illustration. The phones are of the same construction as this company's loud speaking units.

The head-sets are wound for 2,000, 4,000 and 5,000 ohms resistance. The 2,000-ohm head-set, type A, has an impedance at 1,000 cycles of approximately 40,000 ohms. The headband is of simple construction and easy to adjust.

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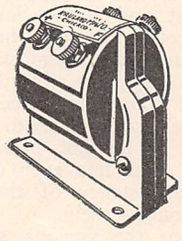
RAULAND ALL-AMERICAN AUDIO TRANSFORMER

This 3:1 ratio amplifying transformer, type R.12, which is manufactured by the Rauland Manufacturing Company, of 200 N. Jefferson Street, Chicago, Ill., is enclosed in a metal casing, thus shielding and protecting the coils from injury. As shown in the illustration, the transformer is very



convenient for mounting and wiring in multi-stage sets. It has a flat characteristic curve throughout a wide range of frequencies, making it desirable for use in broadcast reception where distortion is undesirable.

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Correspondence from Readers

A HAM WHAT AM

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

In reply to Mr. S. L. Foster's letter published in the September issue of RADIO NEWS I feel that Mr. Foster's attitude toward the amateur is unjust.

When I first entered into the "radio game," any amateur whom I approached was ready and willing to give me all the information and actual assistance that was possible. No favor was too great.

I have been at several "hams'" homes when one or more B. C. L's. would call for advice of different kinds, or information regarding the building and operation of sets. I have never seen one of them refused; no question was too trivial or ridiculous to be answered and explained in detail. Several times they were asked to bring their sets around and the "ham" would fix them up himself.

As for myself, my phone and door bell are kept busy by B. C. L's. asking for advice or information—and not one has ever been turned down or laughed at because his questions sounded ridiculous.

I feel that any amateur is willing to help the B. C. L's. if asked in the right manner, and be glad of the chance to establish friendly relations between the two factions. I am positive that there are plenty of '9's' around Chicago that will gladly give Mr. Foster a helping hand. I suggest that he try again.

As to the failure of dealers to give a customer satisfaction and the need of a real radio man in their establishments, I heartily agree with Mr. Foster.

WADE C. DURBIN, Radio 8ARE,
148 Crosby Avenue,
Brentwood Boro, Pa.

DX AT SEA

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

While reading a recent issue of RADIO NEWS I noted an article on long distance tests in the Pacific.

It may be of interest to readers to know of long distance work achieved by the "S.S. Ecuador." "WBN."

When "WBN" was on the San Francisco Orient run, "KFS," Federal Telegraph, San Francisco Beach Station, was worked about five hours after the ship left Yokohama eastward bound and during the three weeks voyage to San Francisco via Honolulu KFS and WBN handled traffic without failing to clear each night. This was done during the month of August, one of the worst static months on this run.

Afterward the Ecuador was put on the San Francisco-Baltimore run via the Panama Canal. That winter during a westward bound voyage WBN held nightly communication with NBD, Bar Harbor, on the east coast and KFS. San Francisco, on the west coast, from the first night out of Norfolk until reaching San Francisco. Not a single day was slipped during the entire trip of about three weeks.

While I believe greater distances have been covered I do not believe there is another ship that has ever equalled this record for consistency of the old WBN I have mentioned herein.

The logs of the various stations concerned will substantiate my letter.

My object in writing this letter is to point out the fact that it is one thing to hear stations ranging in power from 150 KW up to 1,000 KW over great distances and still another to work a 5 KW ship arc over the same distance, not only once in a while under perfect conditions, but to do it consistently, not missing a night for an entire voyage.

My personal view is that any ship with equal equipment can accomplish the work of WBN if not surpassing it, if under the direction of a competent operator. How many self-styled operators know how to get the best out of an arc? My answer is one half of one percent.

A. E. R.

CAN'T THIS BE ARRANGED?

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

An amateur or a phone-hound. which shall it be? If I remain just a broadcast listener, my interest in radio will soon leave me. But as an amateur I would make use of the experimental stage of radio, and my interest would never die out.

After one year of broadcast reception, I have tired of it, to some extent. I would like to join the ranks of the amateur. The fact that I believe the future of radio lies with the amateur, is the reason that I wish to become one of them.

RADIO NEWS has kept me interested as a broadcast fan. But now it has developed in me the ambition to be a real amateur.

I have become familiar with the international code because of the exercises that were published in the May and June numbers of the RADIO NEWS. I do believe that the RADIO NEWS will convert a great number of the broadcast listeners, into listeners of amateur code, or into amateurs, providing the amateur will help.

Radio cannot save the amateur because he will always exist. But the amateur can and must save radio, because the peak of broadcast listeners will eventually decline, unless they will be able to understand code, and the amateur.

The amateur should devote one night a week to the transmitting of code for the beginner. Is that asking too much for such a good cause? There is more sport in receiving code messages than anything else. The phone hound will soon be tuning into code transmission.

I am a phone-hound, but an amateur at heart. When I try to listen in on the amateur I find mostly speed-stuff. And the best I can do is pick out a few "Q" signals, or letters.

"Amateurs," help us phone-hounds one night a week by transmitting code slowly to us.

Good luck, OM, and 73!

D. H. KAMP,
Lamy, N. M.

Interesting Articles Appearing In November Issue of "PRACTICAL ELECTRICS"

Mercury Vapor Arcs. By Allan R. Kenworthy

Floating Needles and the Magnet. By Dr. Albert Neuburger, Berlin.

Carbon Disc Rheostat.

Finding Positive Pole.

Thermic Telephones Concluded.

Little Known Methods of Producing Electricity. By Raymond B. Wailes.

ATTENTION ANNOUNCERS

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I do not wish to start a debate or argument through this department of your magazine, but I do wish to bring to mind a statement written by a certain H. K. M. of Kentucky. He said: I am sure if we should go to hear a famous orchestra or noted singer some evening, we should be disgusted beyond measure to have some one come out after each number and make an announcement.

This is reasonable, but he adds: So is it with radio. It is my idea that most broadcast listeners like to know at least the call letters of the station without waiting through an entire program.

I will refer you to one time when *I* was "disgusted beyond measure."

I had tuned in a station very weakly and when he gave his call I didn't get his last letter. I then tuned it a little louder and waited for his call letters. I was right when I said "waited," for he did not stop to announce through the entire program. When he finally did give his letters they were drowned out by an unexpected spark station.

I think that most broadcast fans would rather have the announcer call his letters between every selection and get the thrill of tuning in a DX station.

I would like to hear from other radio enthusiasts regarding this.

GEORGE NIEMI,
Seattle, Washington.

ADVERTISING BY RADIO

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I was interested in an article in your September number, "Radio Public Impatient with Advertising Talks." Realizing that there are at least two sides to every question I would like to say a little on the other side. I am not interested in selling anything through advertising but simply one of the many Radio users who enjoy good entertainment by radio, and a minimum amount of interference.

Let us take for instance the case of Mr. King who thought he would be entitled to send a bill for his time to the Oil Company who took up so many minutes in forcing him to listen to an indirect advertisement. I do not know Mr. King personally, but I think it is safe to say that he is spending some money for magazines and papers and some time in reading them. I wonder if he ever thought of sending a bill to the publishers of these magazines or papers for the time required in reading these advertisements. I understand that if we were to buy our magazines without advertisements we would have to pay several times the present price of these magazines, as you have doubtless found true of your own magazine. There is no secret about the fact that the advertisers are paying the bulk of the cost of publishing practically all of our magazines and papers. Of course one might say that he is not obliged to read the advertisements in the magazines and that he was obliged to listen to the talk by Radio or perhaps lose his station. I do not believe it is possible for a person to read a magazine without at least getting impressions from the advertisements, which run along the side of the reading matter, either from pictures or from catchy head lines. Another proof that we are obliged to read the advertisements is, if now the advertiser is paying the bulk of the cost of producing a magazine, he is doing it because it is a good paying investment, and if we

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THIS Department is conducted for the benefit of our Radio Experimenter. We shall be glad to answer here questions for the benefit of all, but we can publish only such matter as is of sufficient interest to all.

1. This Department cannot answer more than three questions for each correspondent.
2. Only one side of the sheet should be written upon; all matter should be typewritten or else written in ink. No attention paid to penciled matter.
3. Sketches, diagrams, etc., must be on separate sheets. This Department does not answer questions by mail free of charge.
4. Our Editors will be glad to answer any letter, at the rate of 25c for each question. If, however, questions entail considerable research work, intricate calculations, patent research, etc., a special charge will be made. Before we answer such questions, correspondents will be informed as to the price charge.

You will do the Editor a personal favor if you will make your letter as brief as possible.

POLARITY OF BATTERIES

(779) Mr. John D. Davis, Blackfoot, Idaho, asks:

Q. 1. Please give an infallible proof for telling the positive and negative of a battery when the terminals are not marked.

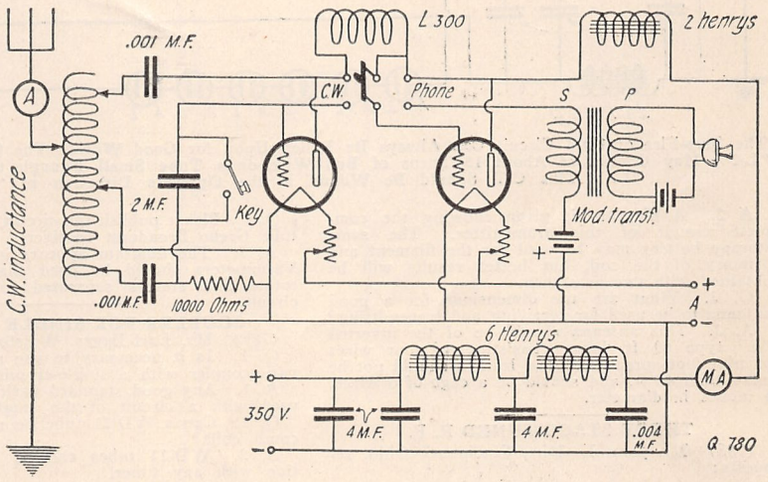
A. 1. A simple and reliable method is to emerse the wires running from the two battery terminals in a glass of salt water. The negative wire will give off a large quantity of bubbles.

Q. 2. Please publish a two-tube regenerative hook-up using audio frequency amplification.

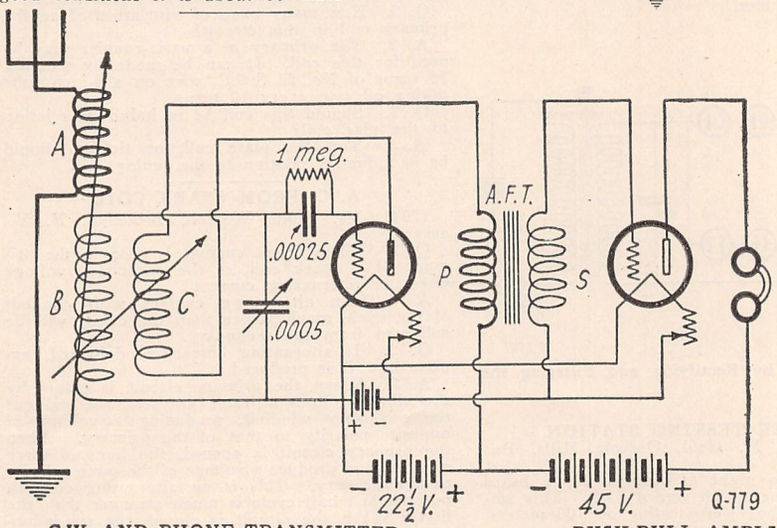
A. 2. This circuit will be found in these columns. An ordinary variocoupler may be rewound so that it can be used in this set. "B" is the secondary and consists of about 45 turns of No. 22 S. C. C. wire wound on the stator of the coupler. "C" is the tickler, and the rotor of the coupler can be used for this without rewinding. "A" is an aperiodic primary and consists of ten turns of No. 18 S. C. C. wire wound about ¼ inch from "B."

Q. 3. What is the average range of a five-watt C.W. set?

A. 3. We cannot give the range of a five-watt set, as this depends upon local conditions, type of circuit used, efficiency of antenna, etc. Under good conditions it is about 50 miles.



Circuit of a 10-Watt C.W. and Phone Transmitter Using a Hartley Oscillating Circuit.



In this Three-Circuit Receiver a Fixed Coupler is Used so as to Reduce the Number of Controls.

C.W. AND PHONE TRANSMITTER

(780) Mr. Harold Dieter, Brooklyn, N. Y., requests:

Q. 1. Please publish a transmitting hook-up using two W.E. VT-2 tubes. This circuit should have one modulator and one oscillator. Both C.W. and phone are to be used.

A. 1. This hook-up will be found in these pages. A DPDT switch is used to change from C.W. to phone. When thrown to the left both tubes are used as oscillators and when thrown to the right one is used as an oscillator and the other as modulator. A standard C.W. inductance is used in this set.

HARD TUBE AS A DETECTOR

(781) Mr. Clifton A. Barber, Ganesvoort, N. Y., asks:

Q. 1. Will a UV-201 tube work as a detector?

A. 1. This tube will give fairly good results when used as a detector. It will not, however, prove as efficient as a standard detector tube.

Q. 2. Can dry batteries be used for this tube and how many are needed?

A. 2. Dry batteries can be used but they are not recommended as they will last but a very short time. Four dry cells will be needed to heat the filament of this tube. They must, of course, be connected in series. If four more are connected in parallel with the first four, the batteries will last twice as long.

PUSH-PULL AMPLIFIER

(782) Mr. L. Flewellyn, E. Smithport, Pa., desires:

Q. 1. Please give a circuit for a three-tube power amplifier using the push-pull system that does not require parts that are unobtainable.

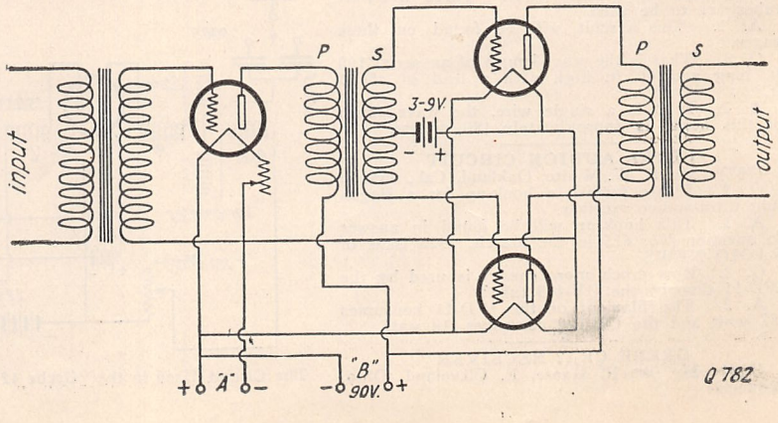
A. 1. This diagram appears herewith. The first audio frequency transformer may be any good transformer. The push-pull transformers are of special make and can be obtained from dealers advertising in this magazine.

Q. 2. Using a five-watt G. E. tube, will a six-volt "A" and a 120-volt "B" battery be satisfactory?

A. 2. Good results will be had with these tubes using the voltages specified.

Q. 3. Would it be practical to use UV-201 tubes in this circuit?

A. 3. These tubes will give excellent results in this circuit when the proper grid bias is used.



Here is the Circuit of a Two-Stage Audio Frequency Amplifier the Second Stage of Which is Connected Push-Pull Fashion for Power Amplification.

DRY CELL TUBE

(783) Mr. Edward McGinty, Flint, Mich., wants to know:

Q. 1. Will any of the dry cell tubes on the market give good results in an Ultra Audion circuit?

A. 1. Any dry cell tube will be satisfactory in this circuit.

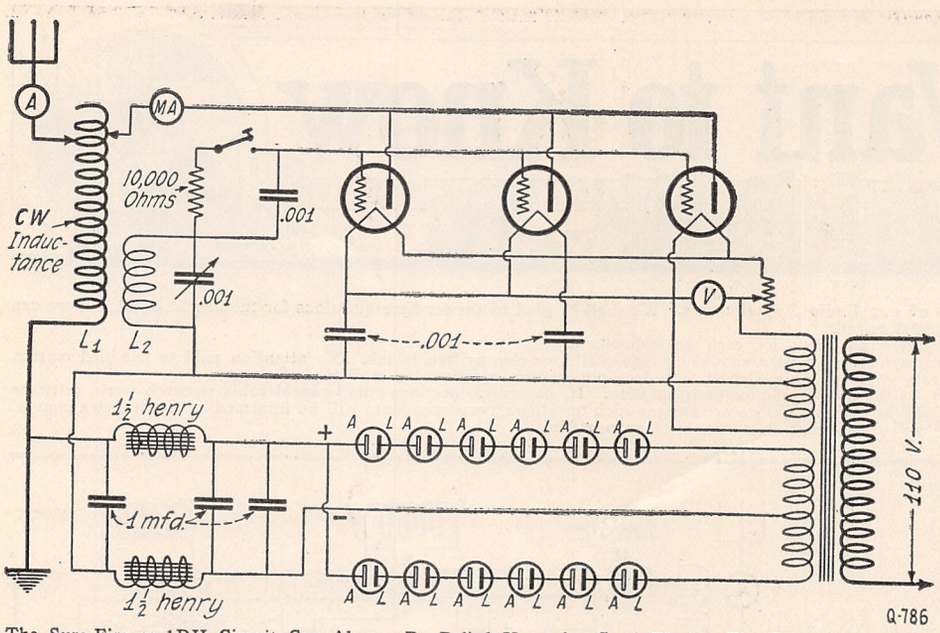
SPARK COIL C.W. TRANSMITTER

(784) Mr. Clarence A. Brockert, Platteville, Wisconsin, asks:

Q. 1. When the power for the plate of a five-watt tube is supplied by a Ford spark coil, can I use a rectifier on each side of the output of the coil, and if so, how many jars shall I use?

A. 1. The plate voltage supplied by a Ford coil can be rectified and filtered and much better results will be obtained. At least six jars on each side of the line should be used.

Q. 2. Please give data on a suitable filter for such a circuit.



The Sure-Fire or 1DH Circuit Can Always Be Relied Upon for Good Work. The Grid Tickler Coil "L-2", May Consist of About 15 Turns of Bell Wire on a Tube Small Enough to Fit Inside of "L." This Coil Should Be Wound in the Opposite Direction to "L."

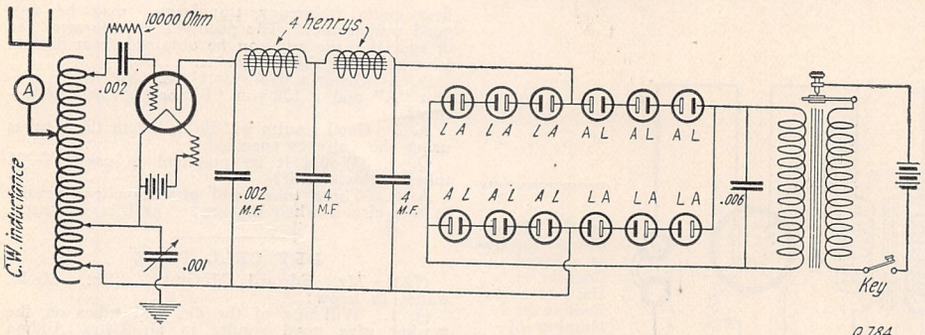
A 2. A diagram is given showing the complete circuit of this transmitter. The same storage battery may be used for the filament and primary of the coil, but better results will be obtained with two as shown.

Q. 3. What are the dimensions for a good antenna to be used for receiving and transmitting?

A. 3. This antenna should be of the inverted "L" type 60 ft. long, consisting of four wires on nine-foot spreaders. The lead in should not be more than 45 ft. and should be a cage of 6 wires, 6 inches in diameter.

THREE STAGE TUNED R. F.

(785) Mr. John L. Hirt, Cincinnati, Ohio, requests:



Real C.W. Signals Can Be Obtained from a Spark Coil C.W. Set by Rectifying and Filtering the High Tension as Shown Here.

Q. 1. Kindly publish a hook-up of a three-stage tuned radio frequency amplifier.

A. 2. A receiver of this kind would be very difficult to tune. A set of this nature would tune very sharply and each stage would have to be tuned exactly at the same time or no signals would be received. The only practical system is the neutrodyne which has been published in a previous issue.

SURE FIRE CIRCUIT

(786) Mr. Geo. H. Thompson, Plains-Ville, Pa., asks:

Q. 1. Please show a diagram of the Sure Fire circuit used at Station 1DH. Three five-watt tubes are to be used.

A. 1. This circuit will be found on these pages.

Q. 2. What is the wave-length of an aerial 100 ft. long and 40 ft. high with a lead in of 35 ft.?

A. 2. If it is a single wire, the wave-length of this aerial is approximately 180 meters.

ULTRA AUDION CIRCUIT

(787) Mr. S. W. White, Oakland, Cal., writes:

Q. 1. Please furnish a hook-up for a single-tube ultra-audion receiver.

A. 1. This hook-up will be found in answer to question No. 615 in the March, 1923 issue of RADIO NEWS.

Q. 2. How much more energy is used by the WD-11 than by the UV-199 tube?

A. 2. The filament of the WD-11 consumes .37 watt and the UV-199 consumes .18 watt.

GREBE CR-12 RECEIVER

(788) Mr. W. R. Haase, E. Cleveland, Ohio, requests:

Q. 1. Please publish the circuit used in the four-tube Grebe Broadcast receiver.

A. 1. The diagram appears in these columns. Variometers should be used that can have the rotors and stators separated as shown in the circuit.

COUPLER FOR SINGLE CIRCUIT

(789) Mr. Earl Egger, Winston, Mo., asks:

Q. 1. Is it necessary to use a special type of vario-coupler with a single-circuit set?

A. 1. Any good standard vario-coupler may be used with a circuit of the single-circuit type.

Q. 2. Can a WD-11 tube be used with honeycomb coils?

A. 2. WD-11 tubes can be used in connection with any tuner.

100-METER TESTING STATION

(790) Mr. A. M. Held, Osceola Mills, Pa., writes:

Q. 1. On the night of August 28, I heard a station on phone which signed 8XS. This station announced they were testing on 100 meters. What is this station's location?

A. 1. This is the Westinghouse radio phone testing station located at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Q. 2. I am using a three-circuit tuner consisting of one vario-coupler and two variometers with one stage of audio frequency. Most of the time I get a squealing sound. Can you explain the cause of my trouble?

A. 2. This may be caused by too much regeneration, or too much "B" battery voltage. It is also possible that one or more cells in your "B" battery are defective or that there is a defect in the wiring of the amplifier.

Q. 3. What would you suggest to increase the wave-length of this set?

A. 3. We would suggest that a small fixed condenser of .00025 MFD be connected from the grid side of the grid variometer to the filament side of the secondary. This should be placed in series with a switch so that it may be cut out of the circuit for lower wave-lenghs.

RECTIFIER TROUBLE

(791) Mr. Weston Valentene, Kensington, Md., asks:

Q. 1. I am using a small step-down transformer with a secondary voltage of 6-15, to charge my battery. A one-jar electrolytic rectifier is used in series with the secondary and battery. It rectifies but only passes ¼ ampere. What is wrong?

A. 1. The trouble does not lie in your rectifier, but in your transformer. Evidently you are using a small bell ringing transformer that is only designed to delvier ¼ ampere. If a higher charging rate is desired, a transformer of adequate size and design must be used. Also the efficiency of the rectifier is small when used with such low voltage. We would suggest you use the 110 volts directly on the rectifier with a resistance in series with the battery.

TRANSMITTING ANTENNA

(792) Mr. J. A. Clark, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, requests:

Q. 1. Kindly give data on a good transmitting antenna.

A. 1. This was answered in Q. 784 of this issue.

Q. 2. Is it advisable to break up the guy wires supporting the mast, with insulators?

A. 2. Better results will be had if this is done. If possible the guy wires should be divided by insulators into short equal lengths.

FLEWELLING CIRCUIT

(793) Mr. B. T. Willard, Wilmington, Delaware, wants to know:

Q. 1. Could a variometer be used in the simplified Flewelling circuit instead of the 120 turn tickler coil?

A. 1. A large variometer may be used in the plate circuit for regeneration with fair results.

Q. 2. How many turns of wire are used on the primary coil in this circuit?

A. 2. The primary of a vario-coupler may be used for this coil. It can be made by winding 50 turns of No. 22 S.C.C. wire on a 4-inch tube taking off taps every 10 turns.

Q. 3. Should this coil be in inductive relation to the plae coil?

A. 3. Yes, the plate coil, or tickler, should be in inductive relation to the tuning coil.

A. C. FROM SPARK COIL

(794) Mr. Frank Watson, Brooklyn, N. Y., asks:

Q. 1. When direct current is used in the primary of a spark coil, is the secondary voltage direct or alternating current?

A. 1. An alternating current with one-half of the cycle much larger than the other, will be delivered from the secondary.

Q. 2. If alternating current is delivered, explain how it is produced.

A. 2. When the primary circuit is closed by the vibrator, lines of force are sent out and cut the secondary winding, producing a voltage of opposite polarity to that of the primary. When the primary circuit is opened, the lines of force collapse, and produce a voltage of the same polarity as the primary. This is an alternating current, but the last half cycle is much stronger than the first. When the circuit is closed, the self-inductance of the primary is sufficient to retard the current flow considerably in the primary of this circuit, thus slowing up the formation of the lines of force.

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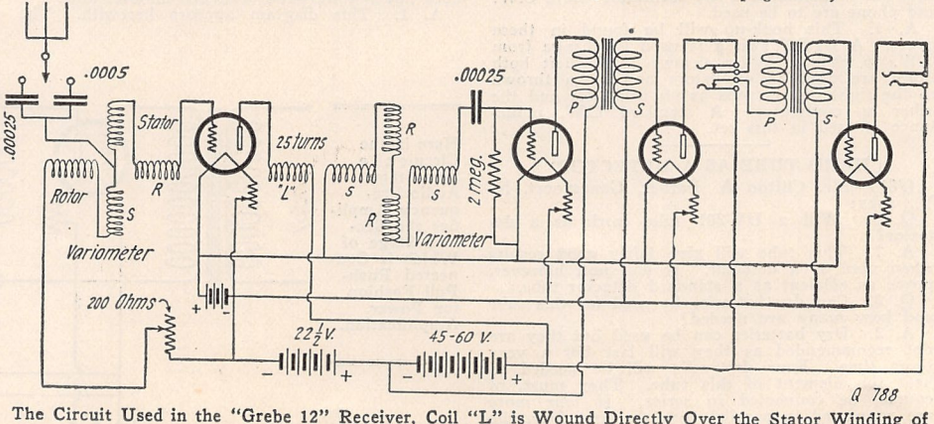
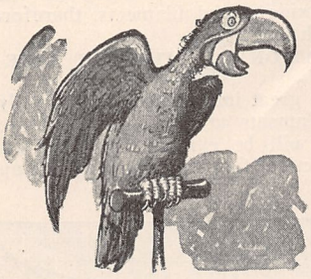


The Circuit Used in the "Grebe 12" Receiver, Coil "L" is Wound Directly Over the Stator Winding of the Variometer.

Radio clear— or radio "chatter"

How to make your radio set work better



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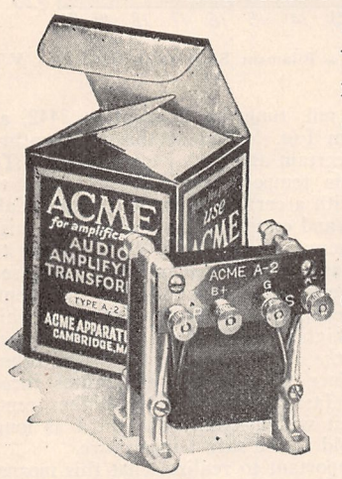

The Acme A-2 Audio Transformer (shown) and Acme R-2, R-3, and R-4 radio frequency transformers sell for $5 each. For prices on special transformers for any type of business, send specifications to factory.

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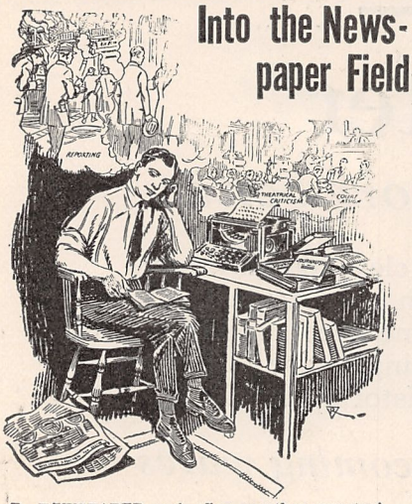

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Vacuum Tubes for Amateurs

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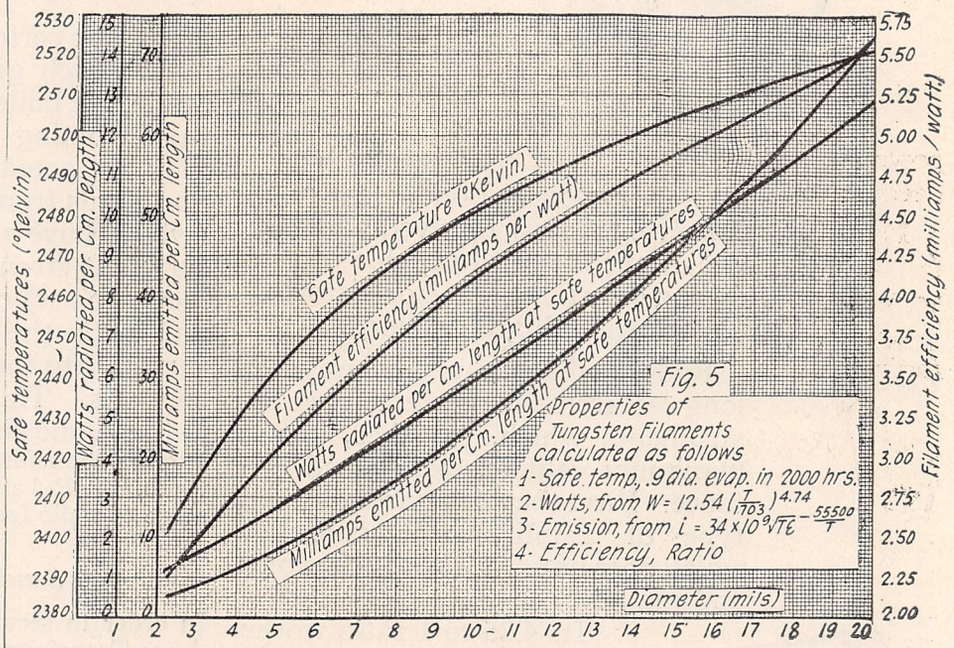
tained in short time by operating at high temperatures, or it may be obtained in long time by operating at low temperatures. At the same time we must obtain a certain electron emission to produce results required of the tube. Obviously it is desirable for the life to be as great as possible. The reduction of filament diameter is proportional to the evaporation rate as in Fig. 4. An operating temperature may be chosen to give this reduction in any desired time, and it is necessary to designate a temperature which will give a reasonable life, about 2000 hours. That constant filament temperature which will reduce the filament diameter by 10 percent in 2000 hours is called the SAFE TEMPERATURE. It is the temperature at which tube filaments should



Such Curves Permit One at a Glance to See the Efficiency of a Filament Such as is Used in a V.T.

be operated to secure maximum life and maximum operating efficiency.

The safe temperature will naturally depend upon the size of the filament, for the evaporation depends upon this. In Fig. 5 are plotted the safe operating temperatures for different sizes of tungsten filaments, and it will be seen that the larger the diameter of the wire the higher is the safe operating temperature. In the same figure are plotted the filament energy consumption and the emission at the safe temperature for various sizes of wire.

FILAMENT EFFICIENCY

The efficiency of any device is defined as the ratio of the work it does to that which is put into it. In the case of the vacuum tube filament it has a certain definite function to perform, namely, to emit electrons. For any given purpose it has to emit a certain number of electrons. Thus it has to emit more for transmitter tubes than for receiver tubes. The less energy required in the filament to produce the required electron emission the greater is the filament emission efficiency. This is defined as the ratio of the electron emission to the energy expended in the filament to produce it. In Fig. 5 is also plotted the curve for the filament efficiency of tungsten wires at the safe temperature. The larger sizes of tungsten wire have a greater filament efficiency than the smaller. In this respect oxide coated platinum filaments are far superior to tungsten filaments, their filament efficiency being very much higher. The oxide coated platinum filaments require very much lower temperatures to produce a given electron emission than tungsten. This explains why the oxide coated filaments are worked at such low red heats whereas the tungsten has to be heated to whiteness. The oxide coated filaments, therefore, have a much longer life.

VARIATION OF FILAMENT LIFE WITH TEMPERATURE

The great importance of constantly working filaments at their rated safe temperatures will be evident from the following instructive figures. The safe temperature for a 5 mil. tungsten filament is 2442, as seen from Fig. 5, and at this temperature it has a certain amount of evaporation. To attain this temperature it is necessary to heat it with a certain filament current. Calculations and experiment show that to raise this temperature only 1 per cent, namely to 2470, requires that the filament be increased by the very small amount of 2 per cent. But the evaporation of the filament at this slightly higher temperature is *three times that at the lower temperature.* In other words, since the filament evaporates three times as fast at this slightly higher temperature it will last only one third as long as it would at the safe temperature.

It is important to realize what this means. A 2 per cent increase in current in the filament, which may be hardly noticeable on the ammeter, produces only a 1 per cent rise in filament temperature, which is sufficient to reduce the life of the tube from 2000 hours to 666 hours The life of a tube decreases remarkably rapidly with increase in temperature. Fig. 6 illustrates this fact clearly. It shows the life of a 10-mil. tungsten filament at different tempertaures. At 2480 degrees its life is 2000 hours, and at 2500 degrees, it is 1450 hours. The very sharp slope of the curve shows how fast the life falls for small temperature rises.

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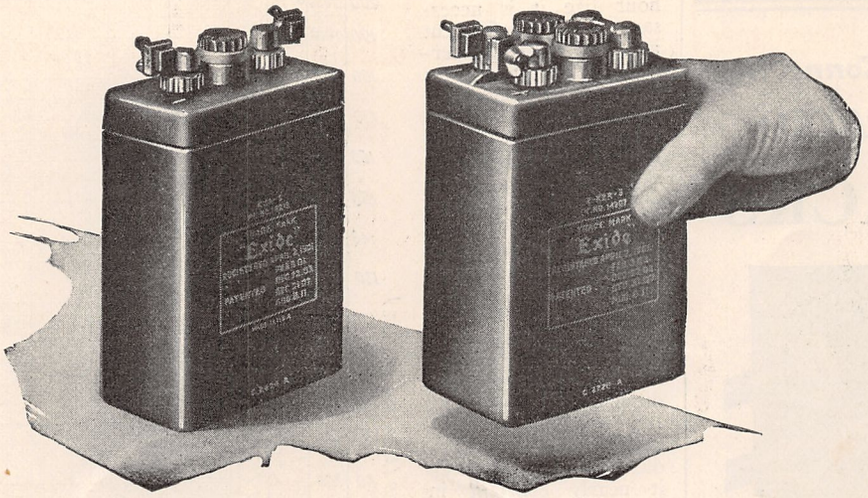

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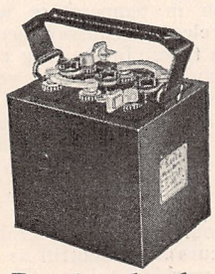

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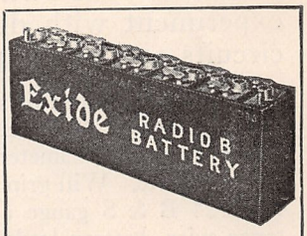

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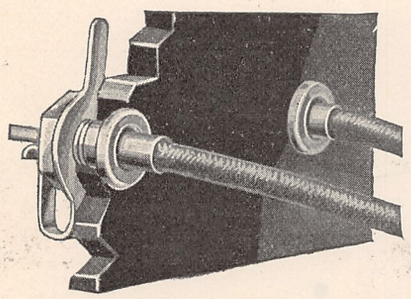

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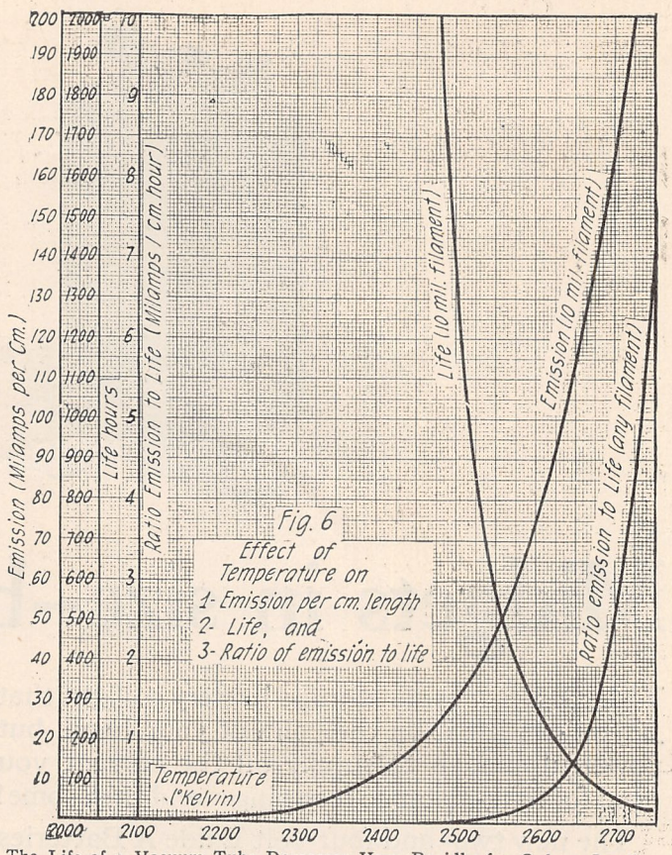
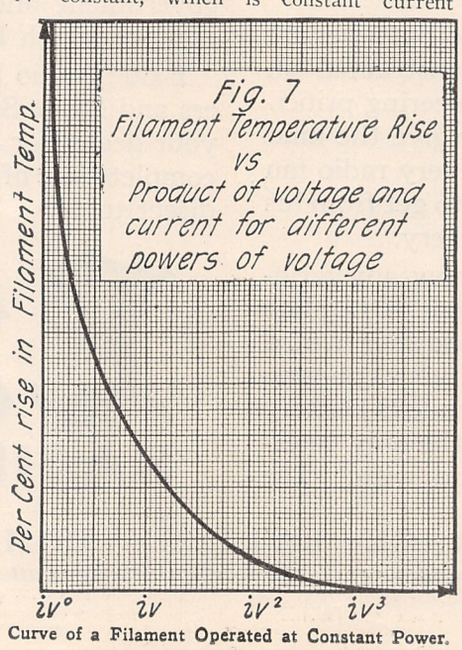
hour life it is necessary to keep the filament at constant safe temperature throughout its life. The importance of the above analysis arises from the fact that in practical operation we have no direct measure of the filament temperature, but must rely upon indirect indications of meters, such as ammeters, voltmeters and wattmeters. Since the filament is continuously evaporating the temperature conditions are variable. It is necessary to operate the filament at conditions which will keep it nearly constant in temperature. We have only three modes of controlling this, namely: (1) to operate the filament at constant current, (2) to operate the filament at constant voltage, and (3) to operate the filament at constant power. Each of these methods produces different results.

As the filament is used it constantly evaporates, and its diameter decreases, therefore its resistance must increase. If the current is kept constant the iR watts increase. This power increase results in a higher temperature according to Fig. 3, the evaporation increases still more at this higher temperature. This cycle keeps up with the result that its effects are cumulative and life decreases very rapidly. If the voltage is kept constant the filament energy consumption, V^2/R, decreases (for V^2 is constant and R increases due to evaporation), thus the temperature would tend to decrease. When the power is held constant we have to consider the joint effects of voltage and current. This entire problem is subject to analysis and the curve in Fig. 7 shows the results. Here the variation of filament temperature is plotted as a function of the product of current and different powers of voltage, as iV^0 (constant current), iV^1 (constant power), iV^2, iV^3, and so on. From this curve it is seen that for iV^0 constant, which is constant current since V^0 is unity, the temperature rises enormously, hence life is decreased. For iV constant, which is constant power, the temperature rise is only about 3 per cent, but as we saw by the above analysis that a 1 per cent rise in temperature reduces tube life markedly, this is not a desirable method of operation either, although it is much better than constant current. For constant voltage, which is not shown on this curve, the analysis shows that a reduction of temperature results (this reduction was qualitatively shown at the beginning of this paragraph), the reduction being about 2 per cent. As far as tube life goes the best method of operation is to work with filament terminal voltage constant. Of course this slight reduction in temperature will result in diminished electron emission hence reduced output from tube. In the long run this will be found more desirable than very low life. The analysis of Fig. 7 shows that the filament is held at constant temperature if the product of iV^3 is held constant. But since there are no meters reading such a product, this method of operation is out of the question.



The Life of a Vacuum Tube Decreases Very Rapidly for Only a Small Increase in Temperature as May Be Seen in These Curves.



Curve of a Filament Operated at Constant Power.

This discussion should be of considerable help, as many amateurs are doubtful as to the best method of working tubes. There is no question but that constant voltage is most suitable.

CONTROL OF EMISSION

When a body is charged to an electric potential V, an electric field of force exists around that body, and is most intense near it, but falls off in intensity as the distance from it increases. This field acts on other charged bodies in it. If they are charged with the same sign of potential they are repelled; if of opposite sign they are attracted. Thus we saw that the electrons emitted from a hot filament in the field of a positively charged plate are attracted to the plate producing a current. If the plate were negatively charged the electric field produced by it would repel the electrons, hence no current would flow.

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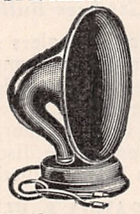

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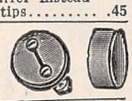

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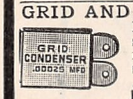

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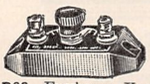

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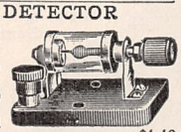

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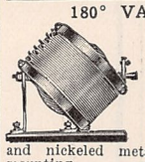

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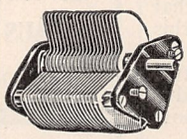

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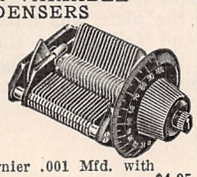

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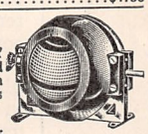

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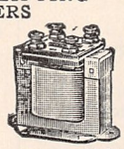

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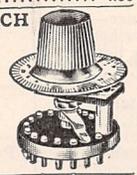

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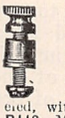

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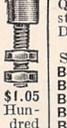

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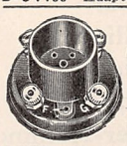

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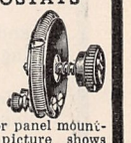

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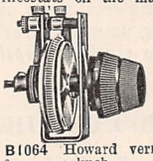

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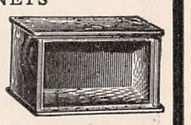

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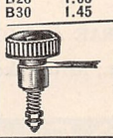

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bodies is the basis of the rectifier. If the plate is alternately charged by a positive and negative potential the electric field will vary in sign. Hence the electrons emitted from the filament will be attracted and repelled alternately. During the period they are attracted (plate positive) an electron current will flow to the plate. During the period they are repelled (plate negative) no current will flow. If the above alternation of plate voltage were due to an alternating current voltage, an electron current would flow during the positive half cycle, but no current would flow during the negative half cycle. In other words, we have here a device which permits current to flow through it in only one direction, namely from plate to filament. We have thus converted an alternating current into a direct current, since only the positive half of the A. C. cycle gets through; this device may be applied in practice as a rectifier of alternating currents. Not only will it rectify commercial A. C., but if a damped radio frequency wave is applied to its terminals, plate and filament, it will rectify this wave in a similar manner since it is also an alternating current. In other words it will behave as a radio frequency wave detector, its rectifying action being similar to that of a crystal. Practical applications of this principle are made in the design of high voltage rectifiers as the Kenetron, and two element detectors such as the Fleming valve and many of the so-called "Diode" tubes now being sold.

POTENTIAL GRADIENT

It was stated above that the intensity of the electric field due to the plate was most intense near the plate and fell off as the distance from the plate increased. In Fig. 9 we have straight filament and plate. The

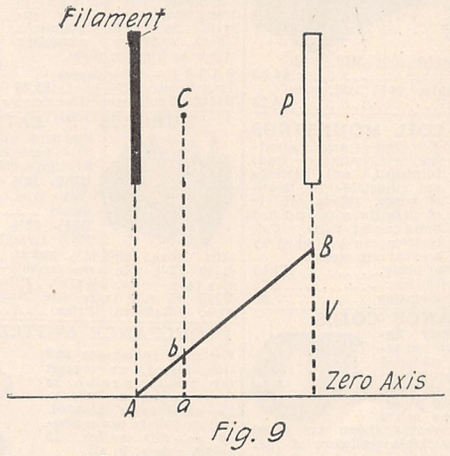

Fig. 9

Potential Gradient Between Filament and Plate

plate is charged to a potential V, the filament is assumed at zero potential. The variation in field intensity may be considered from the point of view of the potential gradient or slope of potential. Thus, at the filament the voltage is assumed to be zero, whereas at the plate it is V. As we move from plate to filament the potential decreases uniformly as indicated by the sloping line AB. At any point between the filament and plate, as at C, the intensity of the electric field is measured by the potential gradient, in this case the measure would be ab. Thus a voltage V applied to plate P produces an electric field between filament and plate which may be measured by this potential gradient. Thus gradient shows that it requires V volts at P to produce an equivalent effect of ab volts at C. If, therefore, we could apply ab volts at C the effect would be the same as that produced by the much larger V volts at P. Now the voltage V on plate P attracts electrons which are emitted by the filament. This same control may be exerted at C by the much smaller voltage ab. Futhermore it may be

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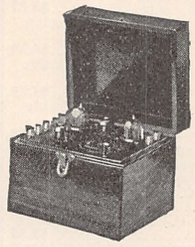

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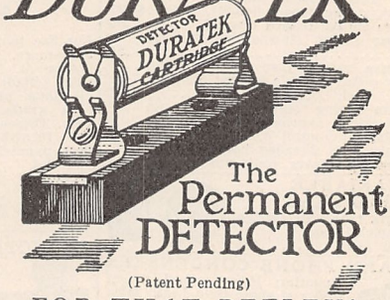

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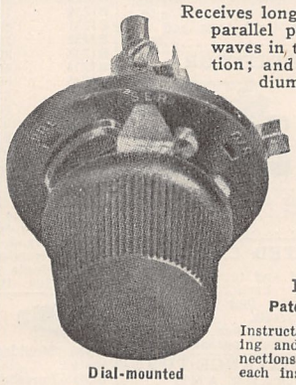

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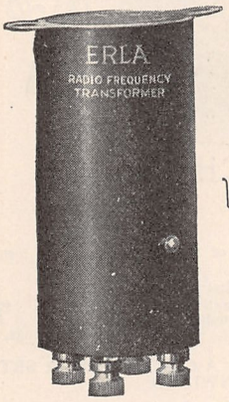

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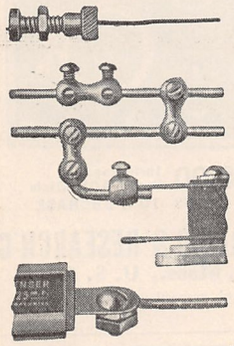

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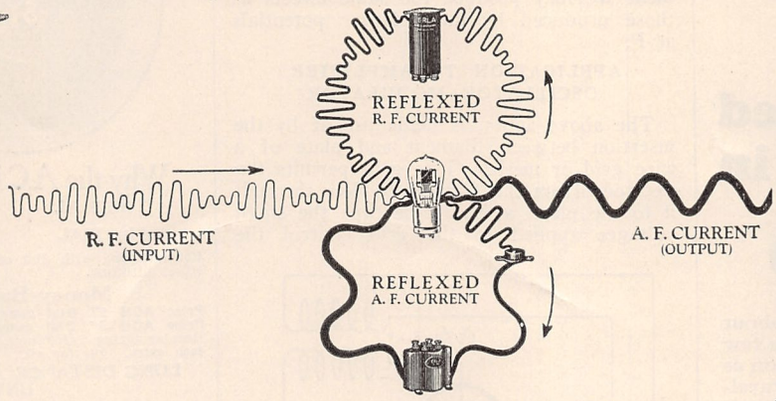

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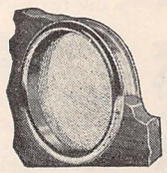

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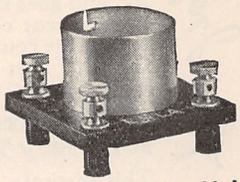

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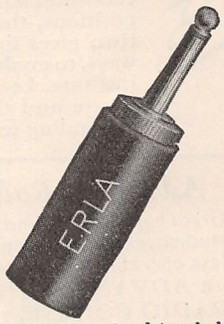

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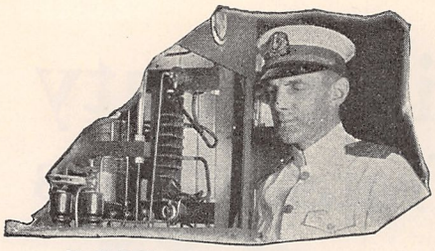

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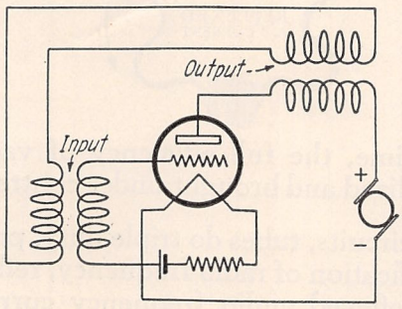

Fig. 10

By Feeding Part of the Amplified Output Back Into the Input We May Obtain Oscillations

flow of electrons. Thus, a small voltage such as that in a receiving antenna is applied to the grid and may produce the same effect on the electron flow as a much larger voltage applied to the plate. This effect is utilized in the plate circuit since the electrons flow through the grid to the plate. Since a small voltage at the grid produces a large effect at the plate the device acts as an amplifier. Any amplifier is inherently an oscillator. Suppose a small voltage is applied to the grid as in Fig. 10, then an amplified output will appear at the plate, since the device amplifies. Instead of utilizing the original source of voltage for the input to the grid suppose we take a small amount of power from the output circuit and feed it into the grid. This will be amplified again. If we keep on feeding the grid from the larger output, this cycle may be kept up indefinitely as long as the filament and plate are supplied with power. Thus the device will oscillate. It may also be used to detect radio frequency waves and modulate them in accordance with speech. Each of these functions will be taken up individually at a later date.

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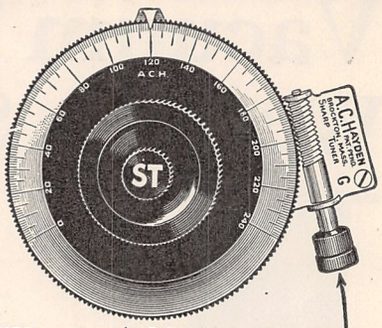

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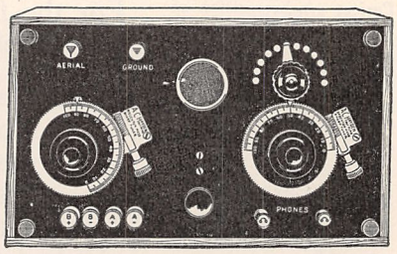

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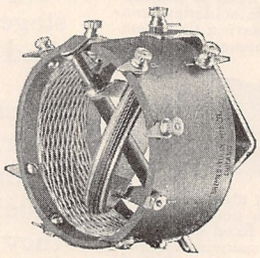

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The "B" Battery is simply a box full of electrical energy; harnessed for you by experts. Without the Radio wave the flow of energy from the "B" battery is smooth, steady and *silent*. It is the final aim and purpose of all the many parts which go to make up a Radio receiving set, to convert the otherwise steady flow of electrical energy from the "B" Battery, into a rippling, vibrating, throbbing, audible current.

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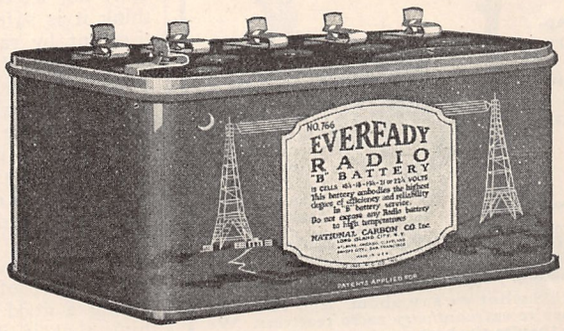
Do not slight this vital part—give your Radio set the advantage of the best—use Eveready "B" Batteries.

Note: This is No. 1 of a series of informative advertisements which will appear in this magazine. They are designed to help Radio users get the most out of their Batteries and Radio sets. If you have any battery problem, write to G. C. Furness, Manager Radio Division, National Carbon Co., Inc., Long Island City, N. Y.



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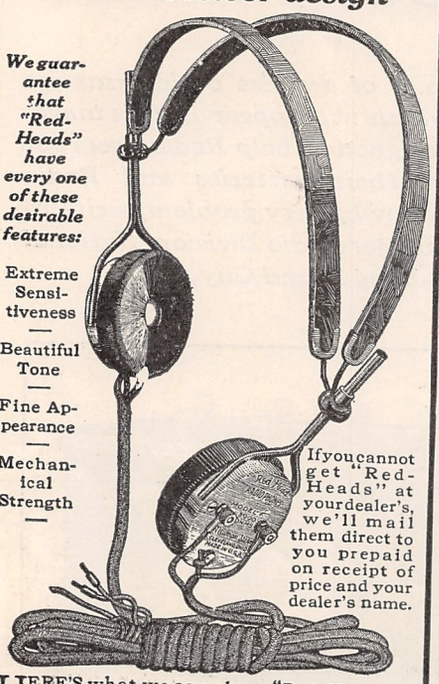

If you cannot get "Red-Heads" at your dealer's, we'll mail them direct to you prepaid on receipt of price and your dealer's name.

HERE'S what we say about "Red-Heads"—they're *extraordinary* radio receivers. We believe they're the best receivers on the market today. Superlatives are easy to say and hard to back up. Here's how we back up ours. We *guarantee* that you'll like "Red-Heads." You take no risk in buying them. We'll refund your money plus postage if you don't agree with us after trial. "Red-Heads" are the lowest priced, high-grade, aluminum-backed receivers on the market. Nine years of receiver experience are behind their quality.

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Since 1915
Pioneers in Radio—year after year striving to achieve one purpose—better radio receivers.

Correspondence from Readers

(*Continued from page* 564)

all stopped reading his advertisements, and buying his goods, he would naturally have to stop advertising and the publication would have to go out of existence.

On the other hand, why should we object to direct advertising by Radio. I have been told by several people that they study the advertising sections of magazines more than they do the reading matter. Advertising is valuable to everyone who is buying anything and we all buy more or less. It helps us to know where we can get the best value for our money. I never heard of anyone expecting to get paid for attending an auto show which is 100% advertising.

Someone has got to pay for broadcasting. At the present time it is impossible for the consumer to pay directly for it. Why not let the advertiser pay for it? I think it is safe to say that a direct advertisement by radio, in the form of a talk, one I mean that would be understood as an advertisement, giving full names of the products being talked about, would be as valuable to the advertiser as a large advertisement in a good magazine, therefore he would doubtless be willing to pay the same price for it. Let us assume that this advertiser be allowed five minutes and paid perhaps $1000.00 for this privilege. One of these talks in an evening would easily pay for the best of talent and also for maintaining a good broadcasting station, and I think that if it was understood that this advertisement was paying for the rest of the entertainment, as it is understood that the advertisements are paying for the magazines, that few people would object to it, and we would be able to have better talent than some that we now get, and probably better Broadcasting stations. This might be carried a step further and Advertising companies formed, for the purpose of selling five or ten minutes each evening, furnishing perhaps two hours of good entertainment and making a fair profit for its stock holders. They would have a great incentive in furnishing the best so that the most people would listen to them and the advertisers would get the best results and be willing to pay the most money, which is just what the best magazines and papers are doing today.

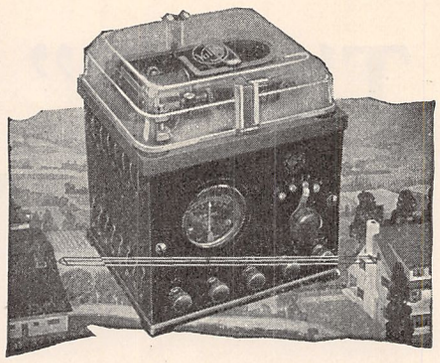
This I believe would solve the problem of maintaining the broadcasting stations that there has been so much talk about lately.

CHARLES W. EDDY,
Providence, R. I.

LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I have been a reader of RADIO NEWS for a good many months and L. S. Foster's letter is now the "last straw." I do not wish to throw the hammer, but to say just the way I feel toward such letters. First, RADIO NEWS has published the best hook-ups of any. They all worked for me. I am one of the so-called amateurs, and glad of it. Now about a radio amateur: nearly everyone has a pet in reality or some theory or idea. If any one appears to sneer or doubt this the party resents it. I venture that Mr. Foster is not a mechanic therefore became peeved when his efforts to "build his own" were not up to his expectations. Perhaps he was in this frame of mind when seeking aid from those amateurs who really love the game, and would not stand to have their "pet" flouted. No real



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Frankly, production is limited. Late buyers are going to be disappointed. A lot were last year. Ask to see the Valley Type ABC Charger at any good radio shop.

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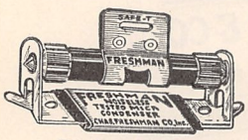

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A. L. GRUBB, Edgemont, S. D.

IN ANSWER TO MR. FOSTER

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Referring to Mr. Foster's letter in your September issue I cannot agree with the writer in his first grievance. I have found the Radio amateur in the majority of cases very courteous and willing to give assistance. I have had quite a bit of experience in the Radio game, both installing and building Radio Sets, and it gives me real pleasure at all times to help any of the boys who manifest an interest in Radio. However, I fully agree with Mr. Foster in regard to the Radio dealer, especially the jobber or wholesale dealer as I buy only from them and I have had a varigated experience with this bunch and I have yet to find one who is on the square until he is forced to it and what I mean by this applies to some of the very best (so-called) and reliable dealers in the country. One dealer in particular I was forced to place an account against him in the hands of an attorney for collection before I could get my money back for goods that was returned to him on account of it not being what I had ordered. The game seems to be to unload something on you that you don't want or cannot use regardless of the trouble that it may cause you and these boys are not entirely without ignorance. It is appalling how little some of them know about radio material and in fact anything else that pertains to business. On one occasion I was forced to return a bunch of dials (four times) trying to get 3/16" shaft holes and had to give it up. These dealers are a detriment to the Radio public and the sooner such people can be eliminated the better it will be for all concerned. They seem to have only one idea, to skin you good and hard and let you go and look for another sucker. What we need are reliable dealers and a standard line of goods and competent advice to purchasers who desire it. The Radio enthusiast who starts out now is up against a proposition if he is not versed in what he needs and then he will have a hard time getting what he wants.

L. T. ETHRIDGE, Glenmora, La.

FROM A DEALER AND AMATEUR

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

After reading about five miles of gosh darned argument in RADIO NEWS I feel that the amateurs, broadcast listeners, and manufacturers, and dealers seem to be on the "war path" rather than intending to be friends.

I myself am an amateur, and also a dealer. Personally I have a mighty hard job agreeing with them all, in fact I don't.

Realizing that there are at least a hundred BCL's to every ham, the latter would have a sweet time explaining all the little details in radio to a BCL who wants to become a "radio expert" in five or ten minutes, and condemns every publication because they (the BCL's) aren't willing to take a little time to learn the few Radio characters used in diagrams. Furthermore they want all for nothing. What they get they either keep or brag about. "Two bits" seems an awful lot to pay for a book containing about ten dollars worth of information, yet they prefer taking up several dollars worth of some kind hearted authorities time, and are very willing to

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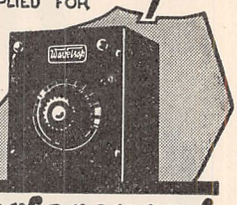

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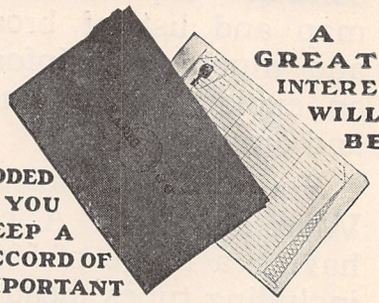

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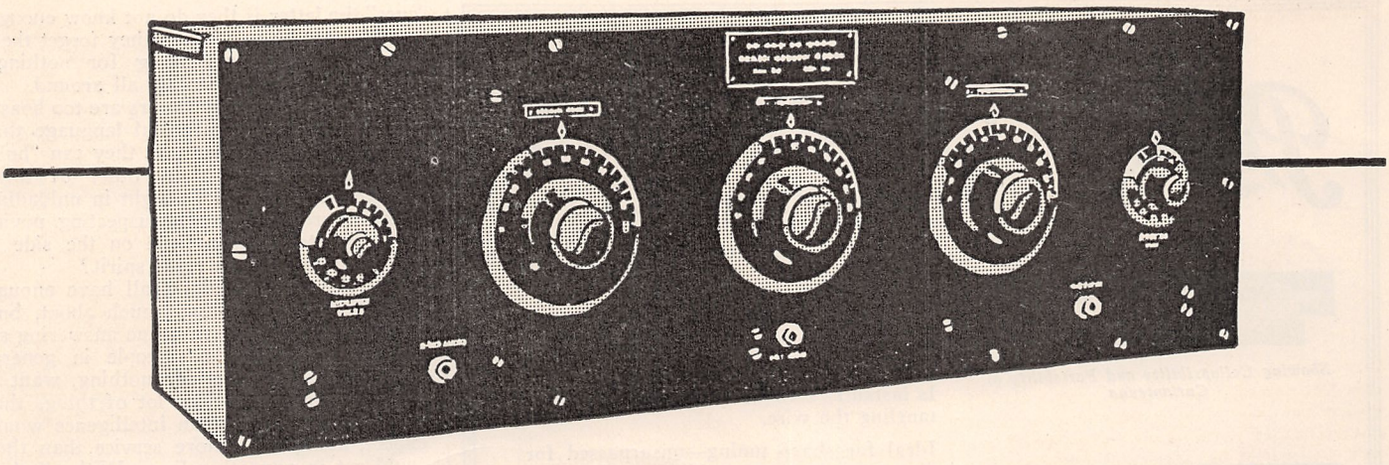

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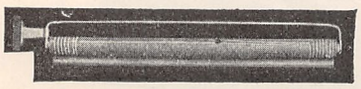

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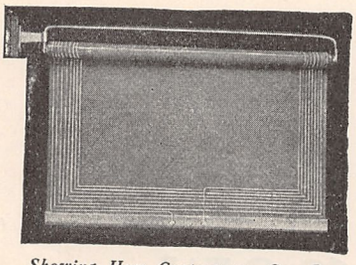

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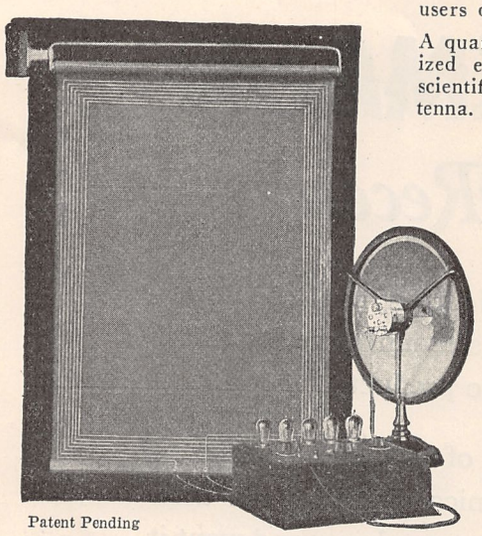

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"cuss" the latter if they do not know enough to understand him. When they forget their idea of "getting something for nothing" there will be better feeling all around.

Then many of the amateurs are too boastful and try to use technical language that is above them in order that they can "bulldoze" the novice. Many other of these "courteous" hams take delight in unloading their failures on some unsuspecting novice in a way to make a little on the side if possible. Is this the right spirit?

The dealers, I'll admit, all have enough faults, too many to say much about, but, we also have a "helluva" time answering all the public's demands. People in general want radio apparatus for nothing, want it fully guaranteed to do a lot of things that no one with half human intelligence would expect, along with more service than they could get in any other line. With all this, we amateurs and dealers are trying to do the best we can, and rest assured that we are not becoming millionaires.

GILBERT ROBIN,
Gen'l Mgr. Robin Radio Shops.

AN OPPORTUNITY

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Here I am again. I thought that I had finished writing letters to you but after reading Mr. Jesse Marsten's article in the September issue I decided to pop off again. Personally I thought his ideas were very good but I believe it will take a little time before his methods can be brought about.

I am boosting the amateurs and have a little idea. Instead of letting some company install and repair equipment and as there are no such companies that I know of, why shouldn't some amateur start such a practice? I installed several sets last spring and had good success with them. Why shouldn't other amateurs do the same? People are willing to pay for repairs and installations and they pay well. I believe if some of these "bugs" would start up service like that it would help clear up this misunderstanding between the amateurs and the BCL's. The BCL's would soon learn that the amateur is his best friend and not his enemy. My big point is to educate the BCL into the mystery of his set. By repair service is one means of doing this. When a man buys a set, nine times out of ten he receives no instructions about the operation of it. By that I mean the tuning and the like. Here is the chance for the amateur to close the breach between the two classes of radio bugs. If you think it worth while you might publish this and maybe someone would answer me on this subject. Awaiting further questions and issues of the RADIO NEWS, I remain.

J. A. WEINGARTNER, JR.
Box 701, U. of Ky.,
Lexington, Ky.

WORD FROM A HAM

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

You know something about Radio and all its parts. Since you must can you honestly say that Radio is going forward the way you would like it to?

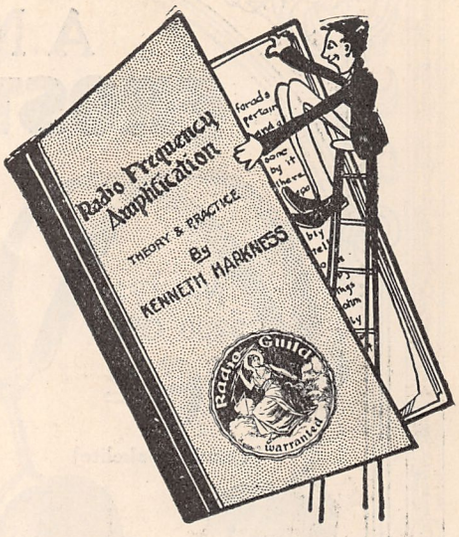
I started when Radio consisted of but code. Today it is a different matter. The stores handling Radio supplies are sure going downhill—also how many people use the new hook-ups published? Not very many, they seem to like to use old ones like the Ultra-Audion with a "newfangled" name stuck on to it and then come over to some poor "Ham" and bawl him out all on account of the said BCL's receiver being on the blink (honestly I have had people come over to my house after hearing some Navy station and blame me for ruining their set). Well anyway the fellow who says that Amateurs will not help him with his set is all wrong or else he has done something to

Banish Interference—Get Distance!

It's Easy, When You Know How

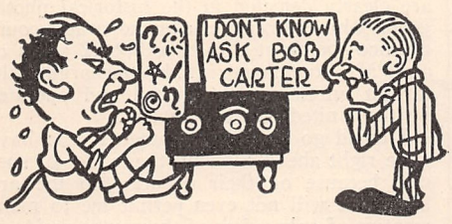
The amazing story of Bob Carter, a radio amateur, who became an authority and surprised his friends

By Frank W. Daly



"WHAT in blazes was the matter with the darned thing anyway? I was mad clean through. I'd been fiddling with my new set for hours and all I was getting was a weak little chorus of six stations and a lot of howls and squawks. I was trying for DX and could not eliminate the interference. Harry Brant was there offering his usual line of stupid suggestions which only made me angrier. "Don't stand there looking at me!" I bawled. "Why don't you do something? Why don't you tell me what's wrong with the thing?"

Harry shrugged his shoulders helplessly. "Sorry, old man, I don't know enough about Radio—you'd better ask Bob Carter, he's the authority around here these days."



"Bob Carter!" I shouted in derision. "What are you trying to do—kid me? Since when has Bob Carter become a rival of Major Armstrong? Bob Carter! That's a hot one. Say—three weeks ago that boob asked me if a microfarad was a disease germ."

"Just the same, Bob is an expert!" said Harry defiantly.

"Huh!—you've got to show me," I sneered. "Why don't you phone this nine-day-wonder to come over here and see what he can do with this set?"

"All right, I will," said Harry.

Fortunately, my sense of humor came to the rescue just then and I was able to laugh at the picture of utter helplessness I would soon be enjoying when poor old Bob Carer started "fixing" this receiver.

Bob answered Harry's call and said he'd be right over. "—Always glad to be of service." Stupid egotist!

"What's the trouble?" asked Bob, on his arrival a few minutes later.

"Nothing much." I replied non-committally—I didnt want him to have any clues.

"Dandy set!" he commented, surveying my outfit—and I had to admit he sure handled the thing like a seasoned amateur. "There's nothing wrong with it,," he said, after a moment, "except—"

With the ease and confidence of an experienced engineer he made some minor adjustment inside the cabinet.

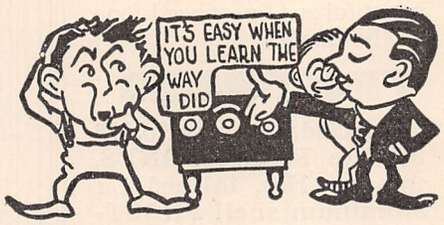
"—Except this!"

To my astonishment WEAF suddenly burst out with knife-edge clearness and freedom from interruption.

"Why Bob—" I gasped. I couldn't conceal my admiration. "Gee! You're great! Where did you—? How—? Say—am I crazy or something?"

Bob chuckled—he knew what I was thinking. "Pshaw! There's nothing to it." He protested modestly. "Either of you fellows could do it in half the time it took me. Just think—I can make the dandiest receivers now, and trouble-shooting? Easy as falling off a log! But really—there's no credit due me at all. It's easy when you learn Radio the way I did."

I was quite prepared to believe the moon was made of hard-rubber by this time. "Of course we aren't a bit anxious to know how you did it!" I said ironically.



"There's nothing much to tell," said Bob. "You remember I didn't know a thing about Radio, but I was anxious to learn. Still, I didn't feel like wading through miles of mathematics and verbosity to reach my goal. One day—reading a radio magazine—I happened to glance at the ad of the Radio Guild and saw that Kenneth Harkness had written a new kind of home-study book on advanced Radio, a book that assumed you hadn't the slightest knowledge of Radio yet which dealt with the most advanced phases of the subject. This was exactly what I had been waiting for. I mailed the coupon and they shot me the book by return mail.

"Well sir! That very first night I felt myself growing in knowledge—it was wonderful; There was no exhausting fight for understanding because everything was delightfully clear. Each

subject was taken up so smoothly I clean forgot I was studying something that had been considered ponderously scientific. Why — within the first week I was building my own receiver and you ought to see it Huh! It looks better than most commercial receivers and results, O Boy! Clear across the continent, and stations on almost the same wave-lengths can be tuned apart.

I couldn't get the Radio Guild's address from Bob quick enough. I even used a special-delivery stamp on my letter to the Guild. They rushed me my copy of this astounding book by return mail and eagerly I commenced reading. It was called "Radio Frequency Amplification" and if was surprised at the knowledge Bob Carter had gained, I was even more dumbfounded at my own success. I tell you there wasn't a question on Radio I couldn't answer instantly and with perfect confidence. I was absolutely sure of myself. And as for building sets—well, I've just taken another order for a six-tube receiver. I shall make over a hundred dollars out of it. Is that reason enough for enthusiasm?

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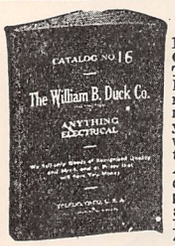

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antagonize the "Ham." One can hardly blame fellows for refusing to help a BCL when the BCL *has* gone around the neighborhood calling him names or trying to cut down his aerial. What I have stated above are facts.

On the other hand I have worked hours, when a fellow has treated me decently, helping him hook up his set or erect an antenna. Many have asked me what to buy and I helped them to the best of my knowledge and I know that many other amateurs have done the same. And the ones who helped are not bothered with amateur interference and still they hear "DX." I am not trying to boast but any one with the beginning of a brain surely ought to learn in nine years what a fair set consists of.

The whole trouble seems to lie with the dealer who sells sets to make money at the same time and does not think of resales and in the city which I live in, there are many such dealers who take advantage of people who know nothing or at the most, very little of Radio.

Every time that I pass such a store I see red and I had to get this off before I did something rash but surely the public will awaken and then—

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It's Great to Be One of 'Em

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Mr. Commagere's early attempts at radio are clearly depicted in the historical photograph which also include his honorable countenance—being at that time but 12 years of age. Mr. Commagere is today in charge of the largest wireless plant owned and operated by the United Fruit Company.

I could go on citing amateurs who have gone right ahead climbing the ladder of success because of their devotion to the art, but space will not even permit me to make mention of only a few of those who reside in my immediate vicinity.

The radio field is expanding rapidly and room is being made every day for new men. This is the great opportunity which lies ahead of the Radio Amateur. He knows that the field is a large one and that it is growing, growing, growing, and that if he properly applies himself and studies, he can make his way to the laboratory bench, the ships, high power radio centrals, or most anything he makes up his mind he wants.

The Amateur of today must necessarily be of assistance to those who are entering the radio game primarily for the interception of broadcast music, news, etc, etc. In the earlier years, before it was possible to commercialize the radiophone, radio was left to the amateur and was looked upon by many as a "mystical agent" of some unknown force. Of course an amateur was considered a young Edison, and most of them were, for much was done by amateurs to advance radio to its present state.

The amateur of today begins his radio career on an entirely different basis—he can install both receiving and transmitting apparatus capable of communicating thousands of miles at a reasonable expenditure of both money and energy. There are numerous good books and magazines treating exclusively the subject of radio and it requires but a very short period of study in order to fully understand the fundamentals. However, in order to master the subject, years of study and practice are essential.

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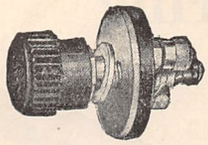

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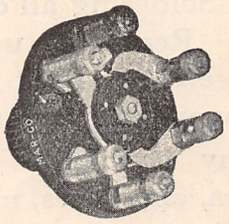

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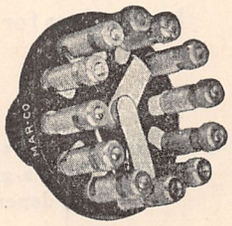

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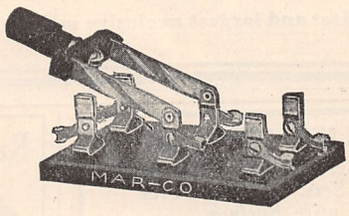

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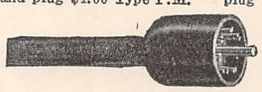

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Aboard ship there is a lot of time to study and that time should be made to account for itself. A correspondence course in Electrical Engineering or any other subject can easily be taken care of. Sooner or later he is transferred to a land station, either coastal or high power (trans-oceanic) and from that position has the opportunity of working himself to the head of the entire organization. Too many prefer to remain aboard ship for a greater portion of their lives, not realizing in a broad way just what this field offers them in the way of a better livelihood.

There are, of course, numerous amateurs who make Radio their hobby; many of these are very serious about it and while engaged in other fields have fairly well mastered the subject. Likewise, we have a great number of broadcast listeners who will eventually join our great rank of amateurs; probably on the same basis, with no desire to become actively engaged in the commercial field.

The amateur who is vitally interested in popularizing AMATEUR RADIO is going to do everything in his power to sell his idea of fairness to the Broadcast Listeners and not antagonize or criticize them. In numbers, they fairly well push us off the map, and that is something to think about. Let all of us make up our minds to pitch in and assist as much as possible, our new friends, the BCL's. This can be accomplished in numerous ways.

1. By keeping our transmitters quiet between the hours of 8 and 10:30 P.M.
2. Answering, in a courteous way, all their seemingly foolish questions.
3. Investigate, if called upon, trouble in their receiving equipments.
4. Improve our transmitters so that they do not interfere after the clock has struck 10:30 P.M. and it is permissible to transmit.
5. Invite the BCL to our club meetings so that he can get better acquainted with your aims.
6. If you think his trouble is due to his inability to tune, give him a few lessons in tuning.

New Radio Patents

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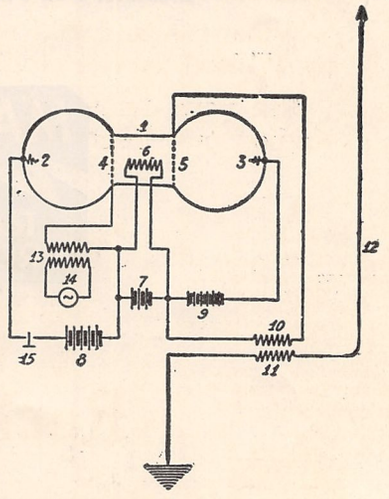
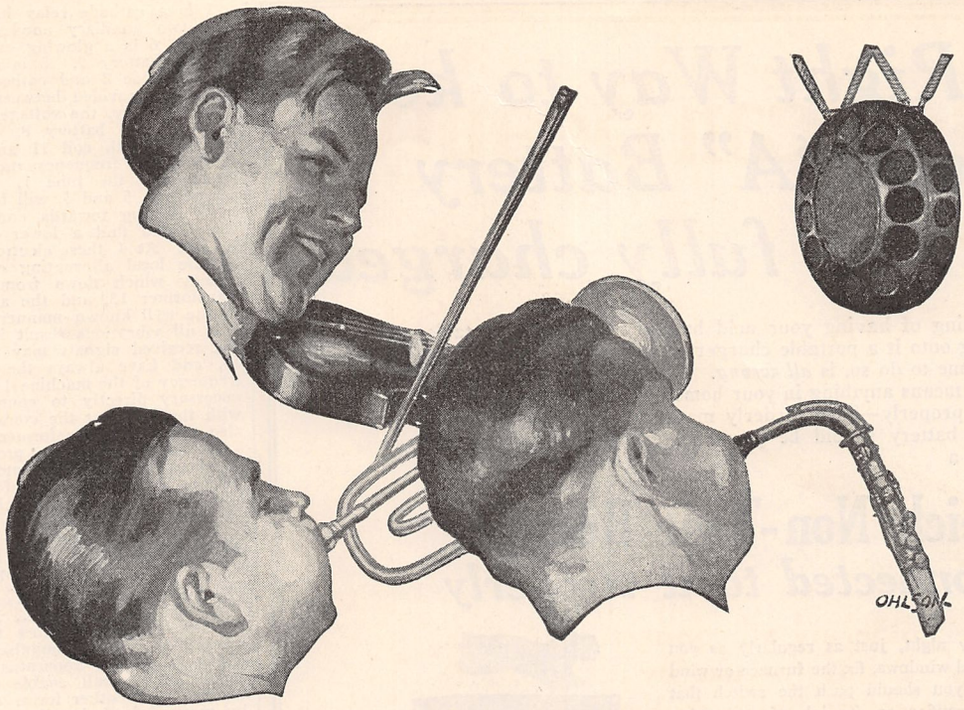
same time transformed and amplified. The changes in the intensity of this alternating current may then be observed by well known means, such as an ordinary telephone. The sound of the local alternating current source may then be heard corresponding to the signal received.

In accordance with the present invention, a



particularly advantageous arrangement consists in that the cathode relay is a tube having two anodes and two amplifying grids, whereby one grid is operated by the incoming high frequency, and the other by the alternating current.

The drawing represents an exemplification of such an arrangement.



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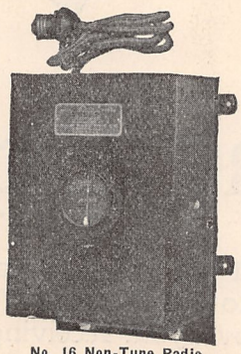

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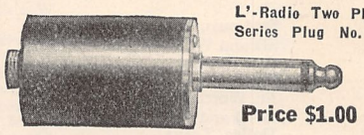

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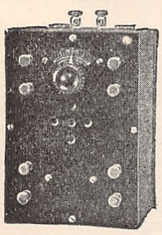

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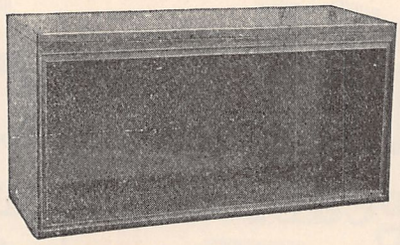

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1 is a cathode relay having two anodes 2, 3 and two auxiliary anodes (amplifying grids) 4 and 5. 6 is a glowing cathode, which is heated by the battery 7. 8 is a battery provided between anode 2 and cathode 6, whereas the battery 9 is provided between cathode 6 and anode 3. Preferably, the voltage of battery 9 is higher than that of battery 8. By means of coil 10 connected with coil 11 and antenna 12, the received high frequency oscillations may be conducted and the tube 1, whereby the resistance for path 6, 5 and 3, will be increased. The electrons flowing towards anode 3 are partially reflected and find a lower resistance in the path 6, 4, 2. At 4 these electrons or ions are affected by the local alternating current of audible frequency which flows from machine 14 through transformer 13, and the amplification is effected in the well known manner. In view of the fact that all vibrations result in a flow of electrons, the received signals may be heard in telephone 15, and have always the tone of the auxiliary frequency of the machine 14. Obviously, it is not necessary directly to connect the telephone 15, with the line, but the connection may be effected also through a transformer.

The continuous tone provided by machine 14, which under certain circumstances may interfere with the intelligibility of the signals, may be eliminated by means of well known compensating connections.

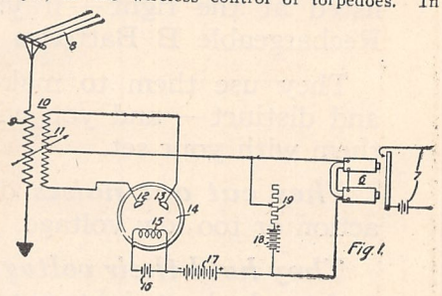
APPARATUS FOR THE RECEIPT OF WIRELESS IMPULSES

(Patent No. 1,456,867. Issued to Frank Conrad, of Pittsburgh, Pa., May 29, 1923.)

This invention relates to apparatus for the receipt of wireless impulses and it has for its object to provide apparatus of the character designated that shall enable one to distantly control relays or other forms of electrical apparatus by means of wireless impulses and, at the same time, to substantially prevent the operation of such apparatus by other than the impulses intended therefor.

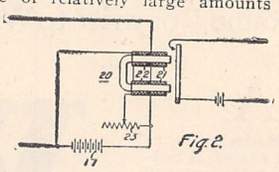
Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawing is a diagrammatic view of a system embodying the invention, being shown for the wireless control of a distant relay; Fig. 2 is a diagrammatic view of a modified form of relay that may be used in the system of Fig. 1.

It is frequently desirable to control apparatus at a distance by wireless impulses, as, for example, in the wireless control of torpedoes. In



the past, difficulty has been encountered in obtaining a clear and distinct receipt of the transmitted impulses, particularly under adverse circumstances, as where hostile forces are filling the ether with impulses of various wave-lengths and group frequencies for the specific purpose of preventing the wireless control of torpedoes and similar apparatus.

Very effective control of relays or similar apparatus may be secured by providing a hot-cathode tube in the electrical connection to the relay to be controlled and by continuously supplying to said tube an electromotive force slightly below its critical voltage. The incoming impulses are then superimposed upon the electromotive force in the form of transient voltage increments, the resultant voltage being sufficient to pass above the critical voltage of the tube, permitting the passage of relatively large amounts of cur-



rent therethrough and to the relay to be controlled.

With a system of this character, it will be obvious that there is a tendency to pass a small amount of current through the relay at all times but by shunting the relay with an auxiliary source of electromotive force, the potential conditions of the circuit may be so adjusted that no current flow whatsoever takes place through the relay except when impulses are being received upon the antenna.

In order to render an impulse-receiving system of this character highly selective, it is desirable to dynamically interlink the relay with the antenna through two local circuits, one of which is tuned to resonate to the radio frequency and the other of which is tuned to resonate to the spark or group frequency.

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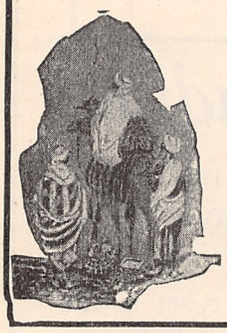

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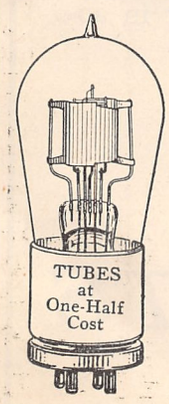

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What Uncle Sam Is Doing for the Amateur

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American Radio Relay League. Thus in the event of an emergency and in case of a disruption of the commercial communication systems, the amateur stations would handle the traffic for both Government departments and private individuals between all parts of the United States by radio. While in this instance, the radio amateur would be helping the Government, it further indicates the unity of interests of the two forces and establishes the reality of the title of this article "What Uncle Same is Doing for the Amateur."

My Moduloscope

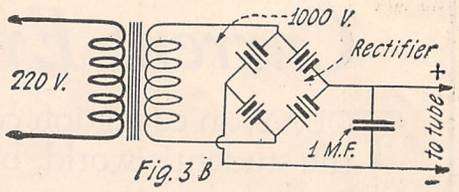
(*Continued from page* 549)

Picture No. 5 has the secondary of a ¼-K.W. 5000-volt Thordarson transformer placed in series with the positive lead of the supply from the rectifier in additon to the 2-mfd. condenser.

Picture No. 6 has the above, plus two more 1-mfd. condensers on the other side of the choke in the supply from the rectifier.

Picture No. 7 shows result of taking pictures with not enough time exposure.

As the light ring continues to close its dark gaps the modulation of the carrier wave is being modified to the point where it becomes D.C. current at the plate of the tube and pure D.C. C.W. in the antenna. This is a feature very much desired at this time under the new regulations governing wave-lengths and at so small an expense that it cannot be considered left out in the equipment of our amateur transmitters. Since its development I have found it possible to connect the moduloscope directly to the antenna connection of the trans-



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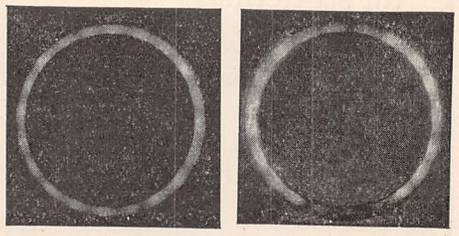

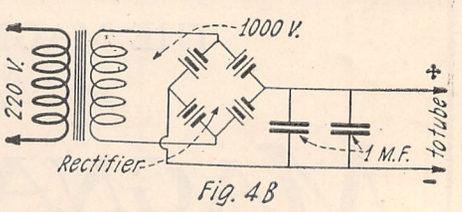

Fig. 4 B

By Shunting First One, Then Two Large Capacity Condensers Across the High Tension Leads, the Effective Filteration of the A.C. is Increased. No Actual Breaks Are Apparent in the Moduloscope Photos.

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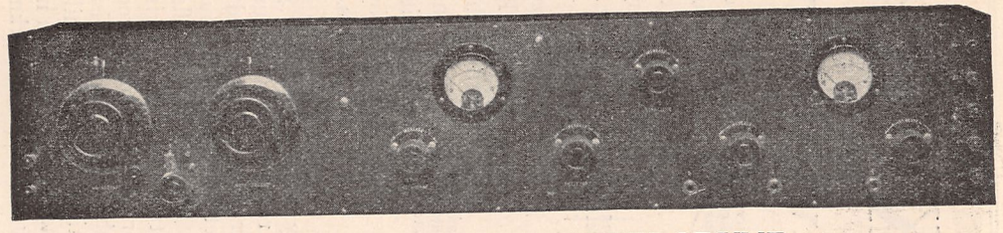

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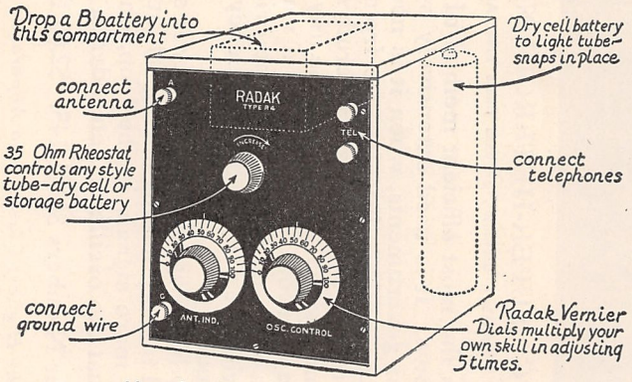

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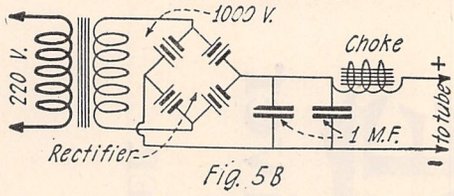

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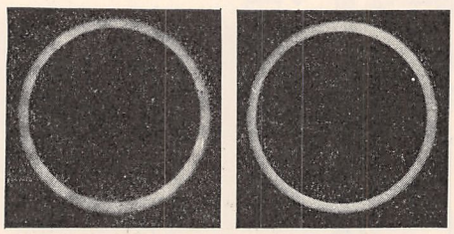


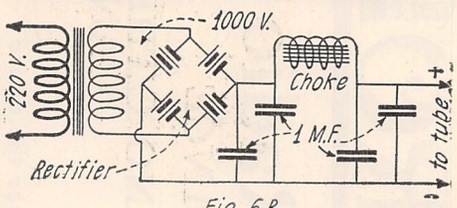
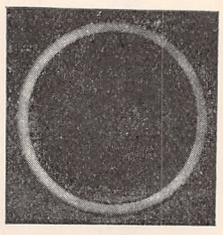


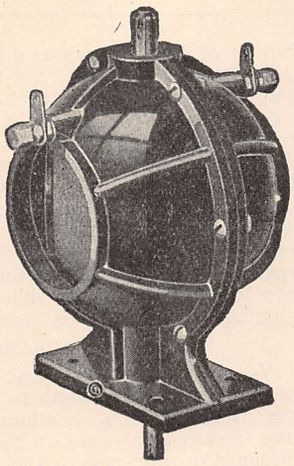
Fig. 6B

The Addition of a Choke as in Fig. 5B Improves the Filteration. With Two More Shunt Capacities on the Other Side of the Choke as in Fig. 6B a Pure Current is Obtained with No Visual Ripples or Irregularities.



The Result of a Moduloscope Photo Not Having Had Enough Time Exposure

If the presentation of the article has been to your liking, I will write next about a way and means to make use of the moduloscope as a transmitter without the use of an outdoor antenna. In the meantime, I will converse with a good many of you via the air and hope that Amateur Radio and its operators will continue to play the important and useful part in the work they are at present performing.



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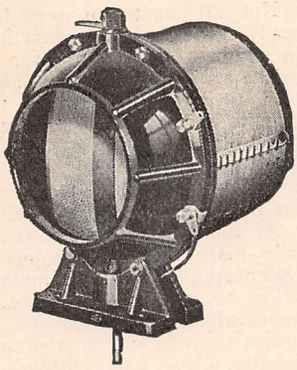

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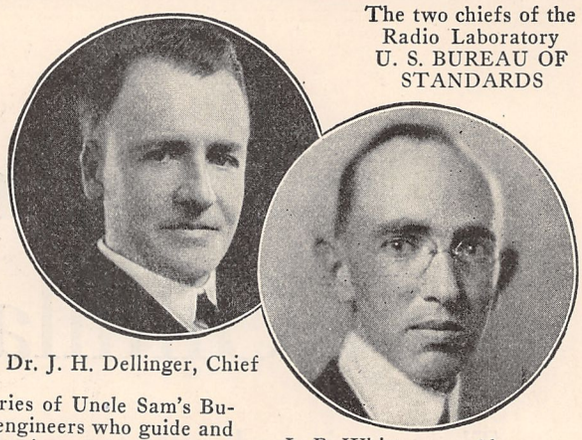

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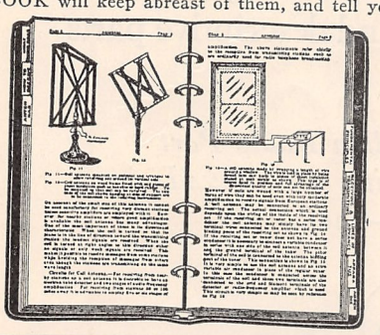

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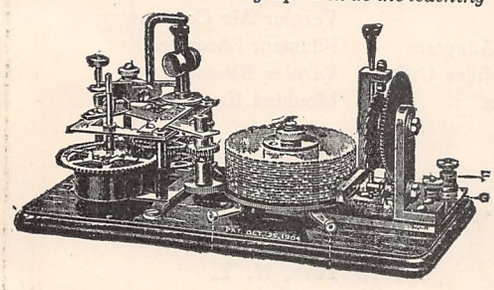

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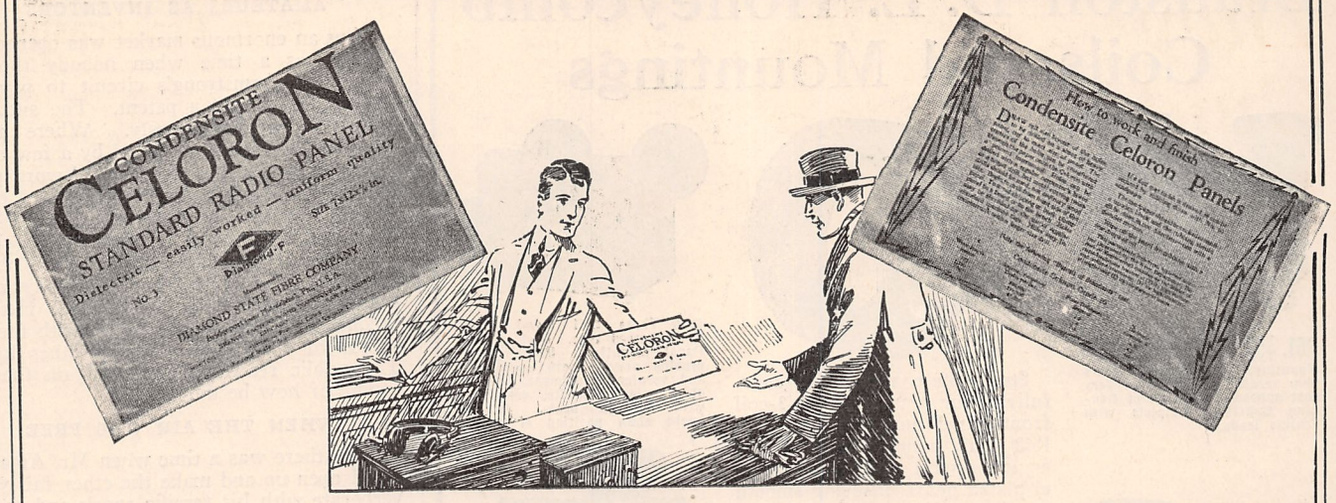

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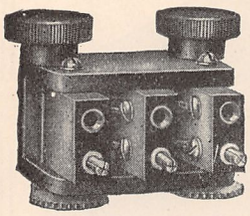

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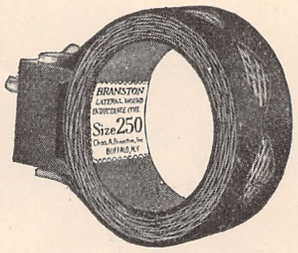

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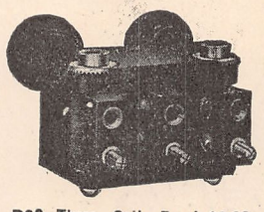

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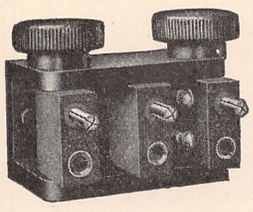

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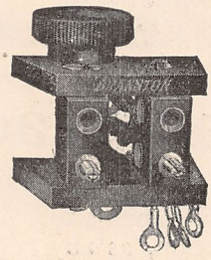

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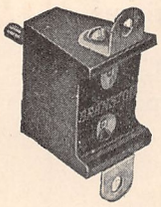

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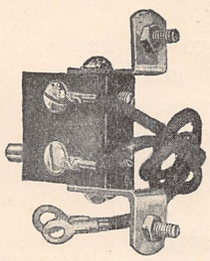

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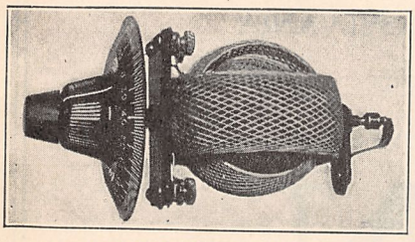

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WHEN THE AIR WAS FREE

Once there was a time when Mr. Amateur could open up and make the ether fairly reverberate with his terrific spark and no one cared, except Uncle Sam. The type of receiver was of no great consequence. The wave was as broad as a barn door and if you were nearby you could hear him by sticking your head out the window. Ambitious amateurs employed selective receivers and modern transmitters, but they were not essential to communication, therefore, no interest. Jamming the ether has made us selective. Modern transmitters and selective receivers are now essential to communication and the future will bring still greater progress. There is no place now for a transmitter that sprays the universe.

LISTENING IN

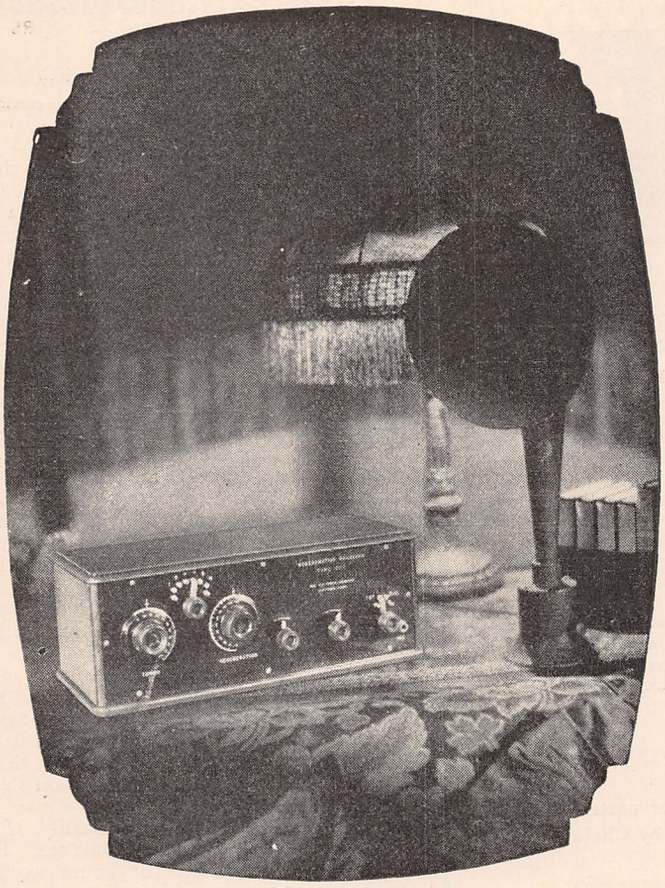
The average amateur may not care three whoops in purgatory for all the canned music that was ever broadcast from Cannville. He may not care any more for the Symphony Orchestra than he does for a shower bath while wearing a paper shirt, and market quotations and educational lectures may move him to tears, but he does get in on the base ball returns and the elections. And what amateur does not enjoy listening to, "the challenger handed the champion a wallop on the chin that shook the arena and followed with another to the same place. The champion was slightly dazed but took the offensive. The champion rushed the challenger to the ropes with three uppercuts that forced the referee to swallow his chewing gum, etc., etc."? Surely there are times when any amateur enjoys broadcasting.

HAS THE AMATEUR PROFITED?

The broadcasting craze has furnished funds for continued advancement; it has opened a great field for the amateur experimenter with rich rewards; it honors him, where only a few fellow amateurs had known of his exploits and accomplishments; many amateurs have advanced to world prominence. The field is wide open, for, where there are a million people complaining of interference, there is a market for a million receivers that will prevent that interference; and every broadcast listener is a potential operator and some early morning you will pick a new note whistling through the ether and find that Mr. Broadcast Listener is calling you on his new C.W. transmitter.

SOME JOB

Secretary Hoover says he doesn't care who controls radio, and is willing to turn it over to the Interstate Commerce Commission if Congress so decides, but he does insist that some regulations be enacted into law and that someone be put in charge to relieve the interference, handle licenses, and assign the waves.



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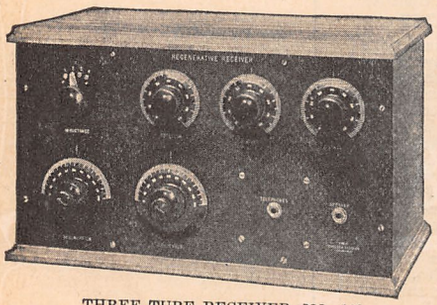

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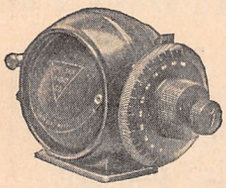

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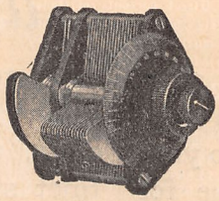

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The Great Radio Message from Mars

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Thank ye, sir!"

"And for that reason, Mr. Casey, sir," I said, when I handed him the cigar, "it is held by some that Professor Duff in fact heard a message from the moon Daimos, and not from Mars itself. Now, let us consider the facts! Professor Duff had gone far in radio experimentation—"

"He went too far when he took the axe and exterminated his wife and his parents and his mother-in-law," said Mr. Casey. I'm no radio nut, but I say he went too far!"

"An incident; a mere incident," I said. "No doubt they annoyed him. Perhaps he was working on his set and they called him to dinner. That always annoys a radio enthusiast. In such cases the radio enthusiast sometimes kills, and sometimes he merely wishes to kill. But what Professor Duff did to his family is a mere incident."

"It was an incident for them, all right!" said Mr. Casey. "It was worse than an incident; it was an accident."

"Yes," I said, "no doubt——"

"Ye ought t' laugh," Mr. Casey said. "That was a joke I was makin'. I says t' you 'It was worse than an incident; it was an accident.' He dented them with th' axe, d' ye see? An axe-i-dent. You should laugh."

"Oh, yes; ha-ha!" I said hastily. "But to get back to the important matter. Professor Duff would sit for hours working with his radio set, either listening in or changing its make-up. Often he would sit for ninety-two hours at a time, laboring with true scientific eagerness, for he held the theory that if he could make the proper adjustments he could hear from the spirit world. He particularly wanted to hear from his uncle Silurius Duff, who departed this life when he happened to try to drive a ten-ton truck through a freight car loaded with dynamite. Professor Duff came of a highly religious and temperate family, and it was his boast that no one in the family had ever tasted liquor, but the coroner's jury brought in the verdict on his uncle Silurius 'Killed by a car of dynamite while trying to drive a ten-ton truck through it while intoxicated.' Naturally Professor Duff wished to talk to his departed uncle and ask him whether he had indeed taken to drink or merely had something go wrong with his steering gear."

"A man can't trust none of them bootleggers these days," said Mr. Casey sadly. "They say it is good stuff and when you taste it, it ain't nothing but carbolic acid or prune juice."

"Exactly!" I said. "And so, Mr. Casey, sir, Professor Duff tried every experiment possible in order to hear from his uncle Silurius, and he finally decided that success rested in finding a proper substitute for the ordinary crystal. He tried every variety of crystal. He tried salt crystals and ammonia crystals and sugar crystals. He tried every known crystal but, unfortunately, every failure made him more and more morose. He yelped bitterly when his wife brought him food. He swore and raged when his mother-in-law breathed, for she had asthma and he often thought the noise she made was static. He even became angry with his dear old mother when she said she thought the crystal he was trying to invent was a little strong.

"For you know, Mr. Casey, sir," I continued, "Professor Duff attempted to create a new crystal to be known as the 'Uncle Silurius Duff Crystal.' No doubt he was on the right road. He was seeking a crystal

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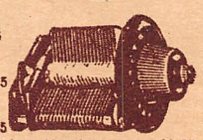

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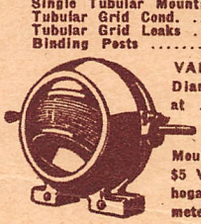

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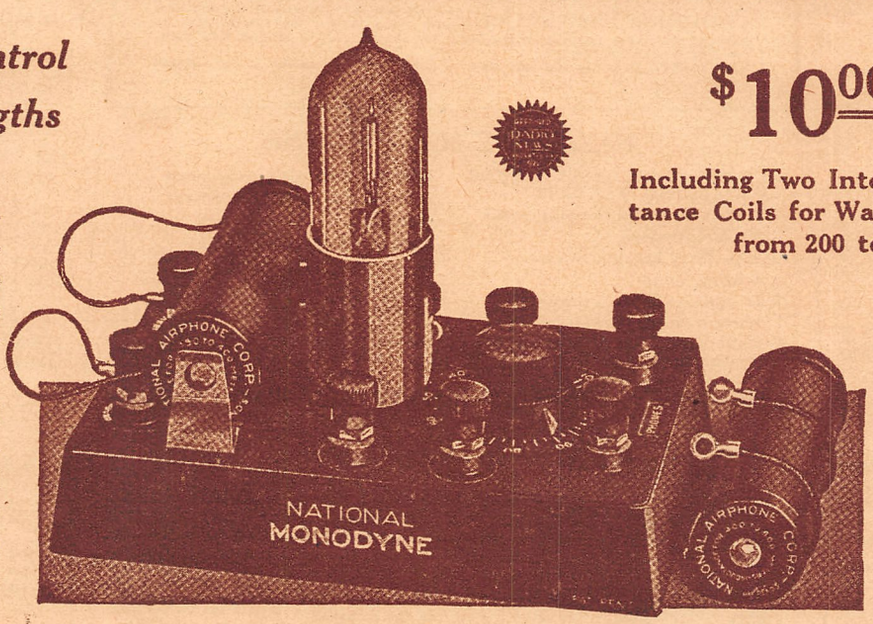

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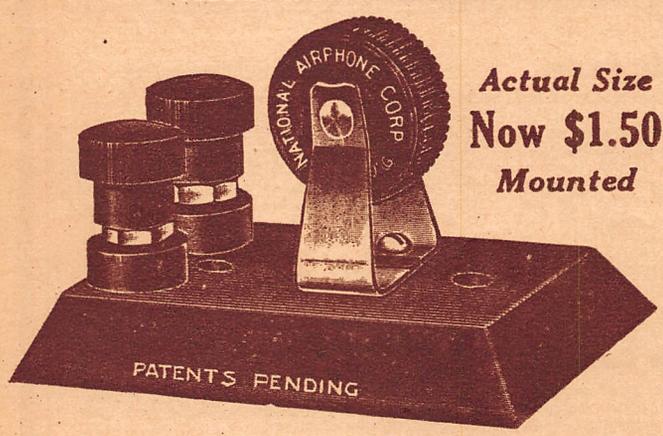

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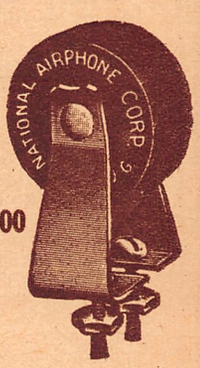

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"If I was his folks," said Mr. Casey, "I would have took the axe to him before he had a chance to use it on me. The time t' use an axe is when a man starts in to boil th' limburger cheese, let alone the garlic. Not that, in the old days, a thin slice of limburger cheese, lib'rally smeared with mustard, bechoon two cuts of moisty rye bread, didn't go good with a glass of beer. Limburg cheese has its uses. Yes, sir! But boilin' it to make crystals of ain't one of them. No, sir!"

"You are right, Mr. Casey, sir," I said. "And although Professor Duff has never acknowledged it in writing, I am sure you are right. He had no success whateve in cystalizing the limburger cheese after it had been boiled. It would not form itself into crystals. It formed ropes and slabs of limburger linoleum and soup, but it would not form crystals. It formed odors so strong that the roof flopped up and down and the foundations of the house palpitated, but it would not crystalize. And it was then, when all seemed darkest, that Professor Duff heard of the meteorite that had fallen near Pesquaguntic, Maine. He immediately decided to try a crystal from that meteorite. With a flash of inspiration he knew that it would be different from an ordinary crystal."

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"Truly!" I agreed. "And Mr. Casey, sir, it was while Mr. Duff was awaiting the crystal from the meteorite that fell at Pesquaguntic, Maine, that he decided the meteorite must have come from Mars. His mental process in arriving at this conclusion was sound. 'Mars' he said to himself, 'has long been wanting to get into communication with the Earth, but until the invention of radio this has been impossible. Now it is possible. But,' he argued, 'the Martians have doubted that Earth has a proper crystal to use in receiving Martian communications. Therefore, the first thing the Martians would attempt would be to send the earth some of the Martian crystals. Mars, wishing to do this, would undoubtedly rig up a large cannon, load a lot of crystal into it, and fire it at the Earth. That is what this meteorite undoubtedly is. So, when I have the crystal taken from the meteorite, I shall be able to communicate with Mars."

"But, hold on now!" said Mr. Casey. "I'm not knowin' much about these radio sets, mind you, but wasn't someone after telling me that them crystal sets don't get messages from very far off?"

"Mr. Casey, sir, you are right," I said, "but you must remember that Mars is only 48,600,000 miles from the Earth."

"Sure!" Mr. Casey agreed. "I was almost forgettin' that."

"Which is not far for a crystal set," I said, "if constructed by a man who knows how to build a set properly."

"Of course not," said Mr. Casey. "What's forty-eight million miles more or less anyhow? Does your crystal set listen in that far, sir?"

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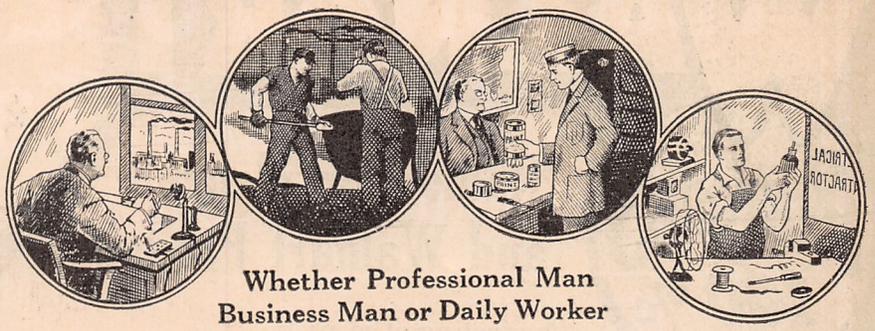

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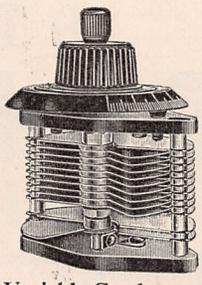

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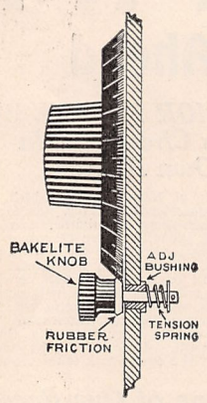

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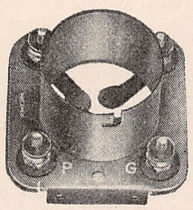

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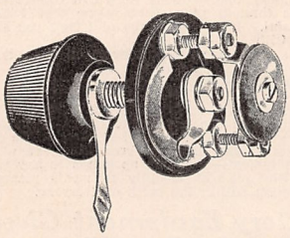

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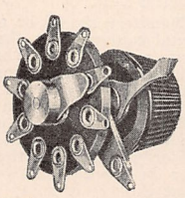

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"And, to talk plain t' ye," said Mr. Casey, "you'd better not."

"So, Mr. Casey, sir," I said, "I only need remind you of what you already know: Mr. Duff secured a crystal from the Pesquaguntic meteorite, put it in his set, and immediately heard from Mars."

"And went and dented his whole family with the axe," said Mr. Casey.

"Ah!" I said. "But that was necessary. He explained all that to the coroner. The members of his family were so full of negative animal magnetism that it spilled out of their ears, flowing through the house and short-circuiting the Martian ether waves. Professor Duff quite plainly informed the coroner that he had not meant to kill his family——that they died was entirely an accident. He merely wished to knock small holes in the tops of their heads, so that the negative animal magnetism——instead of flowing downward from their ears——would spout directly upward from the new holes in their heads and pass harmlessly into the upper atmosphere. You will recall, I am sure, Mr. Casey, sir, that after he had made the holes in the tops of their heads by tapping them there with the axe, he took them into the front yard and seated them back to back. He did that because his aerial was in the back yard. He did not want the negative animal magnetism to spout up against his aerial. It was, I admit, unfortunate that his family could not stand a simple jolt on the head. That was their fault, not his. The family of a true radio enthusiast should be so built as to stand more than that when the radio enthusiast is enthusing normally."

"Is that so! Is that so, now!" said Mr. Casey in a tone I did not quite like. "And I suppose you would tap your own wife on the head with an axe if you got a notion she was a nuisance to your radio fooling?"

"No," I said promptly. "No, Mr. Casey, sir! I would not. I have given the matter deep consideration and if I ever wish to communicate with Mars——as I expect to shortly——and my family oozes negative animal magnetism from their ears, I shall not puncture their heads with an axe. I have a far better plan. I shall bore holes in the tops of their heads with an augur."

"I see! I see!" said Mr. Casey in a tone I thought distinctly foxy. "So that's the general idea, is it? And what was it you said you'd be wanting to ask this Duff guy, now?"

"A very simple question, Mr. Casey, sir," I said. "Up to the present time Professor Duff has not told the world what message he received from Mars. I want to hear from his own lips what that message was. I want to ask him to confide to me, in absolute secrecy if need be, the message he heard on that wonderful day. If possible, I want him to allow me to repeat the message to the members of the Upper Flushing Scientific and Annual Clambake Association, so that we may make the investigations we desire to make to learn positively whether the message was from Mars itself or from the moon Daimos. Or, possibly, from the moon Phobos."

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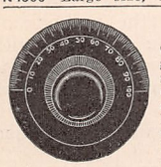
N4500 Large size, 45 volt..... 2.30

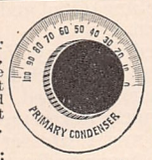
MOLDED DIALS



We handle only the very best molded grades. Bushings absolutely true; dials cannot wobble. All dials for ¼" shaft. Letters inlaid in fast white enamel.

N3074 Dial 2" $.20
N3075 Dial 3" .25
N3076 Dial 4" .....$.40

"RASCO" SILVER DIALS



Metal dials, silver surface, black enamel, inlaid lettering. Made for ¼" shaft. No set screw required. Held by friction. Positive fit that will not come loose. All dials 2½" dia.

N800 Plate variometer; N801 Primary Condenser; N802 Secondary Condenser; N803 Coupler; N804 Filament Rheostat; N805 Grid Variometer. Each style, $.20 each. Set of six.....$1.15

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Quick change from one circuit to another. Black composition knob, nickle plated fittings. Blade radius 1¼".

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At last! Ear caps that will relieve headaches, earaches, and undue pressure on the ears. Fit all receivers. Exclude all outside noises. Ear touches soft rubber only.

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THE RADIOGEM

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We only handle varnished flexible cambric tubing. No substitute. 319 takes No. 22 wire; 320 takes No. 18 to 20 wire; 321 takes No. 16 to No. 18 wire; 344 takes No. 22 to No. 28 wire.

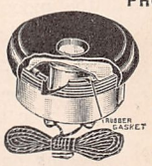
N319-320-321 Spaghetti, per foot ..$.06
N344 Flexible soft rubber tubing; 10 feet for .....$.20

SPRING CLIPS

New! This nickel clip has a new handy lug to slip under binding post. 1½" long.

N2222 Clip .....$.12

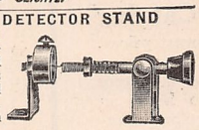
TUNED (Adjustable) LOUD-SPEAKER PHONE



This "Rico" loud-speaker phone has rubber gasket underneath diaphragm, making phone fully adjustable. This phone gives amazing results as a loud-talker on 1 and 2 stages of amplification. Must be heard to be appreciated. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

N2525 "Rico" tuned Loud-Speaker Phone with 5 ft. cord $3.75

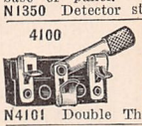
CRYSTAL DETECTOR STAND



Has universal swivel joint, adjustable crystal cup. All parts nickel plated and polished. For mounting on base or panel.

N1350 Detector stand .....$.35

THROW SWITCHES



Mounted on composition block. Small enough for all radio purposes.

N4100 Single pole $.25
N4101 Double Throw S.P. .....$.35

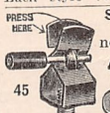
BINDING POSTS

N030 is our small size, used for phone connector. ½" high, nickle plated and polished. Each .....$.04

Initialed Binding Posts

N122 Antenna; N123 "B" Bat. —; N124 "A" Bat. +; N125 "B" Bat. +; N126 "A" Bat. —; N127 Ground; N128 Phone. Letters in white enamel. Black composition 9-16" dia.; ¾" high. Each style .....$.12

SPRING BINDING POSTS



Nickle plated. Positive connection. Particularly useful with bus bar wire N45 for panel mounting and N44 is tapped for 8-32 screw.

N45 Spring Post Each .....$.04. Dozen.....$.40
N44 Post. Each $.07. Dozen..... .70

TIN FOIL

Best grade only. N850 has 1500 sq. inches per lb. N851 700 sq. inches to lb.

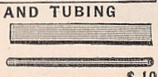
N850 Tin foil .....lb $.35
N851 Tin foil .....lb .35

SWITCH KNOB

N199 Knob is a favorite. 1⅛" dia.; height ⅝"; 8-32 screw. N4451 has 8-32 or 10-32 bushing, no screw.

N199 Knob .....$.10
N4451 Knob ..... .06

BRASS STRIP AND TUBING



Brass strip ½" wide; 1-16" thick; 6' long.

N1430 Per length .....$.10
N1431 Brass tubing, ¼" dia.; inside dia. 3-16"; 6" long; per length..... .15

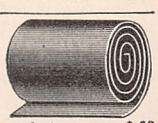
COPPER RIBBON

Used for connecting purposes .005" thick.

N700 ⅜" wide; N701 ¼" wide; N702 3-16" wide.

All sizes per foot...$.01

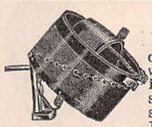
SILICON STEEL



Used practically in all audio-frequency transformers. Better than iron. Extremely soft. 2⅜" wide and .007" thick.

N4900 Silicon steel per foot.....$.08

BAKELITE 180° COUPLER



Tubes are natural color bakelite, wound with green silk. Aluminum bracket, Fahnestock connectors; ¼" shaft. Primary 13 taps. 180 to 550 meters.

N3150 Coupler $2.45

MOLDED VARIOCOUPLER

Best molded variocoupler parts made in this country. Rotor is 3½" dia.; width 1⅞". Primary tube 4¼" dia., 2½" wide. Complete with all brass fittings but without wire. This coupler usually sells from $4 to $6.

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Well made in all respects. These rheostats come with metal dial and composition knob. Good merchandise despite low price.

N4210 6 ohm rheostat $.27
N4211 30 ohm rheostat .30
N4212 200 ohm potentiometer .....$.45

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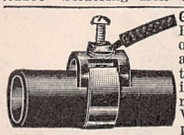
N2200 Soldering iron $1.45

GROUND CLAMP



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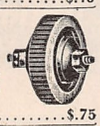

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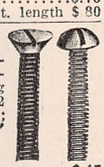

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N2511, Green Silk No. 30..... 1.05
N2512, Green Silk No. 32..... 1.30
N2513, Green Silk No. 36..... 1.85

The following come on 8-ounce spools:

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N2517, Enameled No. 26..... .65
N2518, Enameled No. 30..... .70
N2519, Enameled No. 32..... .80
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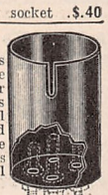

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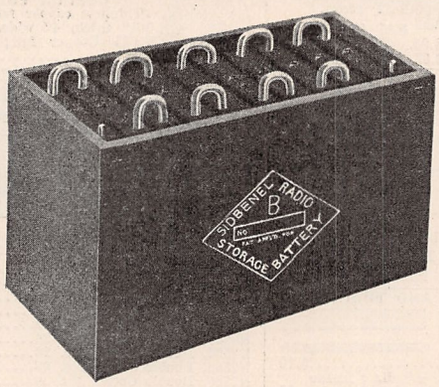

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For a full minute Professor Duff looked me in the eye. Then he said:

"Yes, I can trust you. You will repeat the message ungarbled and untwisted. I will tell you what it was."

I trembled in every limb. I was frightfully excited, but I tried to be calm.

"What, sir," I asked, "was that world-epoch message you received from Mars?"

"It was," said Professor Duff, "this: 'Yes, we have no bananas.'"

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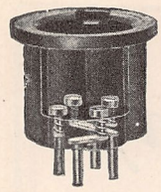

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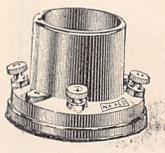

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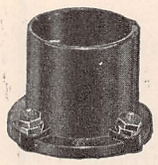

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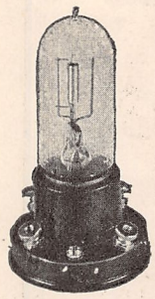

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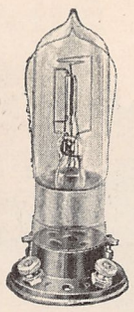

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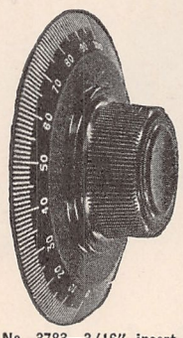

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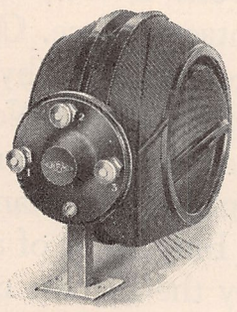

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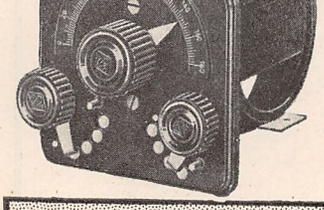

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teners. At first this idea aroused the ire of the more staid and stable of the members, but finally it was put through to the great satisfaction of all concerned. Within several weeks after the first anonuncement of the new policy, about 40 BCL's enrolled, and this number gradually crept to 60. Now these members, at a special rate of dues, increased the club's treasury by $312 a year—a tidy sum.

These fellows did not attend the regular meetings, but had special meetings arranged for them, at which instruction and advice particularly suited to them was given. Some of them brought their sets and had them looked over and their troubles sought out. Others brought their new ideas and circuits and laid them on the floor, where they were discussed and their merits and demerits thrashed out. Larger quarters were not necessary because most of the new members enrolled chiefly for the service that they could receive, rather than for the weekly association, and therefore only about one-half of the membership was at any one time present.

These newcomers were also allowed the privileges of the library and of the workshop; this latter was charged for at the regular fee. If, on account of inexperience, or for any other reason, they could do their own shop work, one of the other members would do the work for them at a slight extra charge. When put on top of the dues, these fees brought the additional money taken in in a year's time, to over $500

In addition to this, suitable receiving apparatus and a loud speaker were provided on certain nights and between special hours, for the use of those who wanted to get certain stations and did not have the facilities. Quite frequently an open house was arranged, at which the members could take their friends, and have them listen to a special concert, to a prominent speaker, or to the baseball or fight returns.

To sum it all up, the idea helped to bring about a better understanding between the BCL and the amateur. With a better knowledge of his apparatus, the BCL was able to cut out most of the interference which he formerly laid to the amateur, and he became more capable of choosing his circuits and sets, and to more easily find out the trouble when things went wrong. And the amateur became more tolerant and began to respect the rights of his friends, and furthermore began to glory in his increased power and prosperity.

The Amateur Traffic Problem

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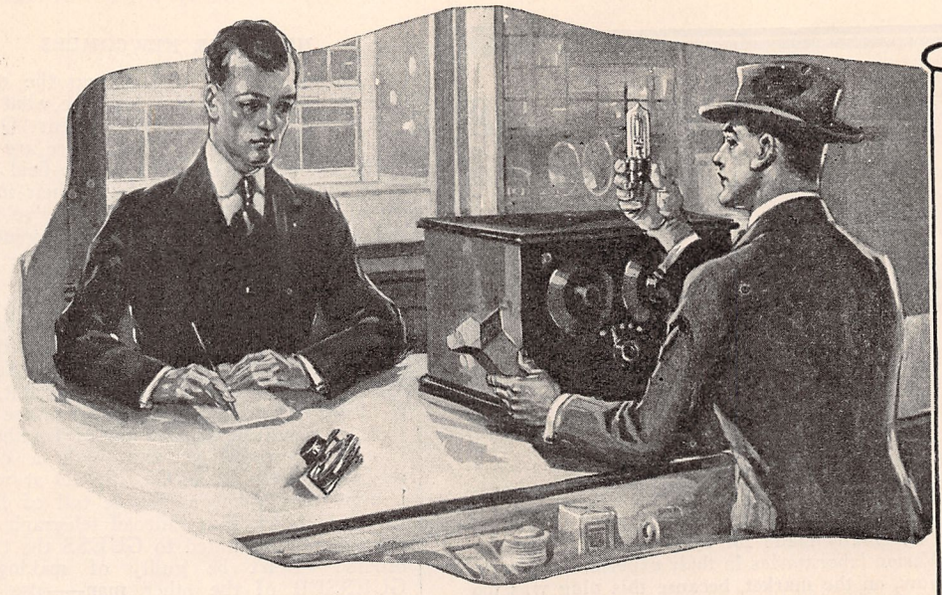
value and importance the traffic that IS handled carries!

A station may handle 350 messages in one month but in 90 per cent of the cases 337 of these will be, "Please QSL card," the entire total of which does not equal the importance of one short message tracing a lost shipment or similar intelligent communication. Right down in your radio hearts YOU know it too——every one of you who really takes the game seriously! Then why, oh why, do you admit the fact and then sneak out to your little shack and brazenly take and forward a dozen more of the rubber-stamp atrocities? It's a downright reflection on your operating ability, for it takes no skill at all to copy a message when all you need pay any attention to is the address and signature; you can guess the text, and on messages of the objectional kind the address and signature merely comprise two groups of call letters. Any cargo grade operator can handle that traffic.



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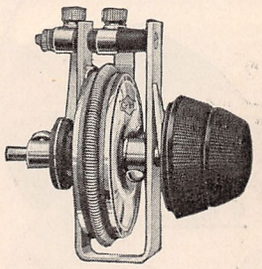

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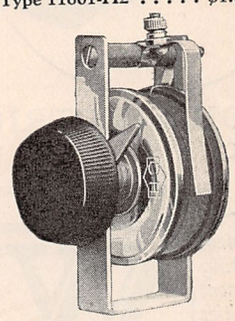

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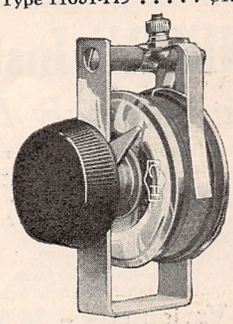

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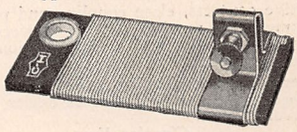

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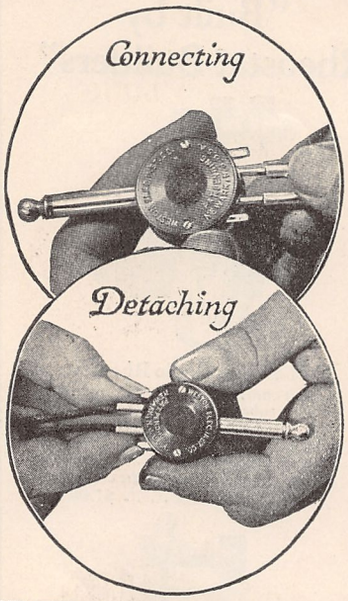

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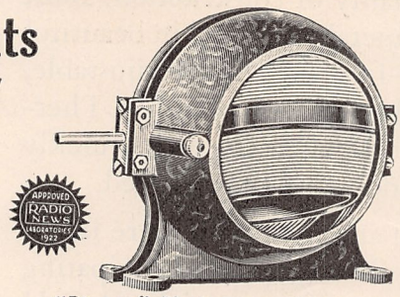

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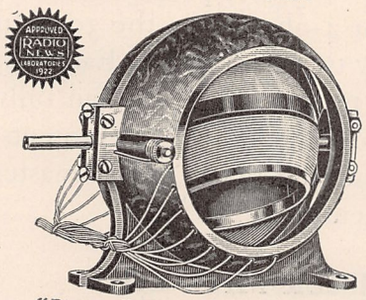

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If you handle the right kind of traffic, your messages will be of such importance that you can't AFFORD to have them guessed at! As for YOUR individual operating ability, are you quite sure that you are a GOOD operator. Just the faculty of handling the code at a high rate of speed doesn't make an operator. Are you familiar with every one of the Government regulations insofar as they govern amateur stations? Do you know how PROPERLY to call and answer a station? Can you say a great deal in a few well-chosen radio abbreviations? And can you send good, clean-cut signals for a lengthy period at a fair rate of speed without falling all over yourself? Ask yourself these questions——it may surprise you to be honest with yourself!

Here are a few more pointers on actual operation. Why in the world, after once establishing communication with a station, do the majority find it necessary to call such a station ten or a dozen times prior to each transmission? For example, a station has four messages for another. He calls him and receives an acknowledgement and an invitation to proceed with his business. He sends one message. An OK is received and he then calls the receiving station ten or twelve times, signs his own call five or six and follows with another short message. The writer has never yet listened in on a typical amateur receiving set and not been able to find his man right there in the same identical place each time. Why not assume that such a communicating station can do the same with your signals? He doesn't need a long call to find you each time between messages, make your calls short and snappy after communication is once established——other fellows are waiting to use the air.

Here's more——when you have transmitted a message, DON'T go back and repeat the address and signature voluntarily. If the receiving operator misses anything, he will tell you——don't assume that he didn't get it. Give him credit for at least ability equal to yours, or slow down to suit your ability to his.

Perhaps one of the most common present day practices, and to the writer's mind one of the most obnoxious, is the double sending now almost national in adoption. You don't HAVE to send each word twice as a rule! Don't you know that if each word of each message were sent only once, QRM would be cut in two? It doesn't take any kind of an operator at all to copy stuff sent double. QSZ was a signal created exactly for that purpose. If an operator DOES require double sending, he will request that you QSZ. Some of you say, "We have to do it to get through the QRM." Nonsense! Let me repeat—if double sending were eliminated, ex-

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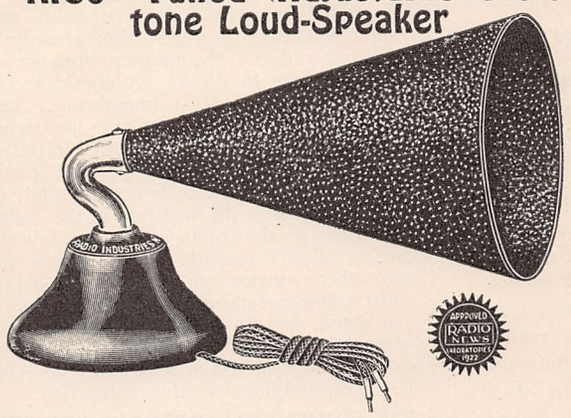

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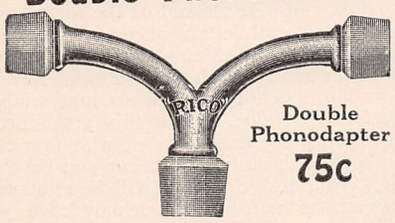

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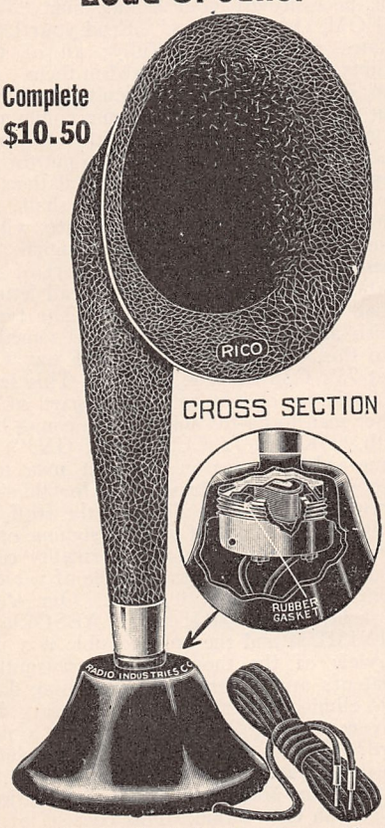

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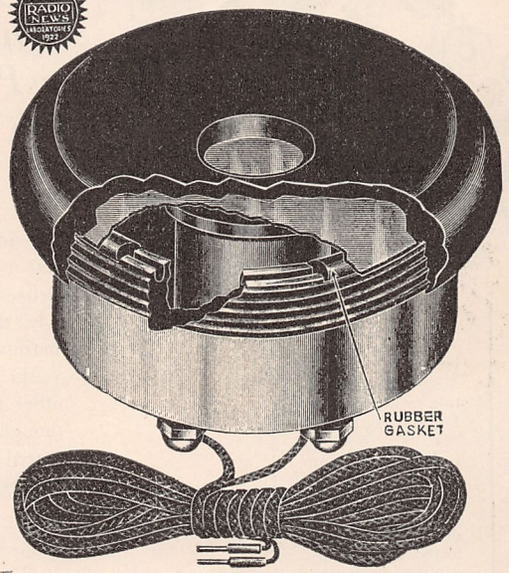

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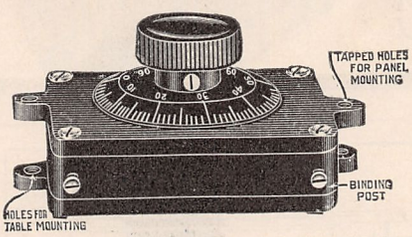

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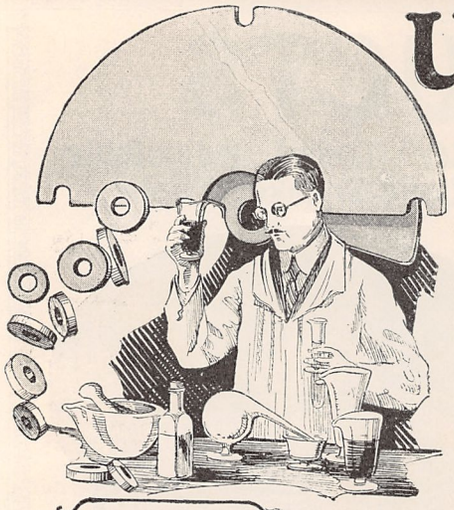

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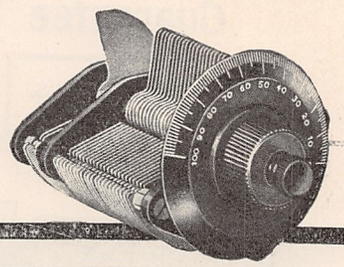

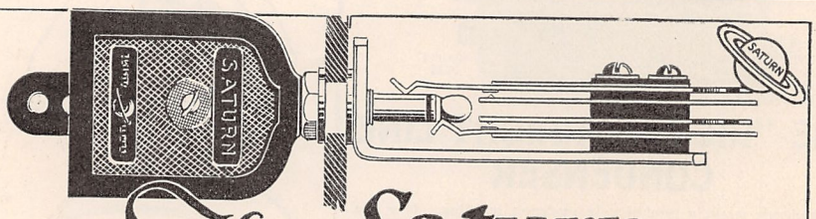

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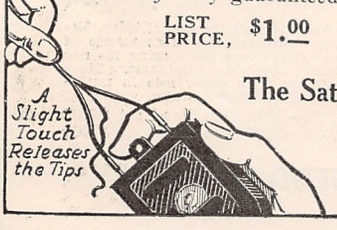

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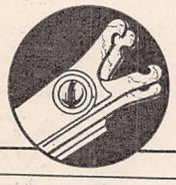

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USE COMMERCIAL METHODS FOR SENDING MESSAGES

In sending your message in proper form, do it right. When you end one message, if you are sending a group of messages to one station, without waiting for acknowledgment between each, merely make an "AR" after each, following with "KA" and on into the next one. At the end of the series, make "AR" your call letters once, and the letter "K." This signifies to the receiving station that you are through transmitting, have no more business for him and are now ready to receive his traffic. Once this procedure is memorized, the annoyance of a station coming back with an "RRK" after you have finished your traffic to him will be eliminated. Instead, he will merely acknowledge your series and start right in on his.

The form which you use should convey all the necessary information to him without the necessity of your telling him, "That's all OM, clr nw ga urs." Read your United States regulations carefully; all of these points are completely covered in them. And, too, don't make such a difficult, long drawn out process of concluding your communication with a particular station. Ordinarily, enough time is consumed here to put through several more messages. The regulations distinctly state that, "a station shall indicate conclusion of correspondence with a like station by means of the signal 'SK' (sent as one character) on the part of each station, followed by its own call letters." That is all—not another dot! The typical finish among amateur stations is something like this, "Well, OM, gess NM nw, CUL best 73's OM GN SK SK 73." This seems to make it obligatory on the part of the other man to do his share, so he comes back with, "OK OM 73 CUL 73 SK GN." For some unknown reason the first man must also render a long drawn OK for this—oh, I needn't go on—you all know the stuff, but while an exchange of 73's in signing off is not objectionable, even this formality could be dispensed with unless a couple of personal friends are working together. Our object must be to cut QRM to an ABSOLUTE MINIMUM and the only possible way now in view of the thousands of transmitting amateurs in the game, and increasing daily is to eliminate every single unnecessary dot!

Now, how about acknowledging a message? This is also covered by regulation which states that acknowledgment shall be in the form prescribed by the International Telegraph Convention. This consists of the call letters of the transmitting station sent once, the message number or first and last numbers correctly received, the letter R (once or twice), the call letters of the receiving station once, and the signal "K," "SK," or "KA," as fits the condition.

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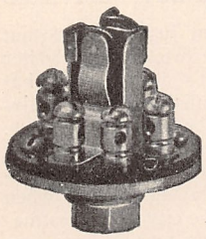

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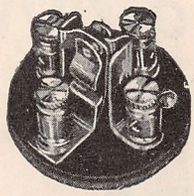

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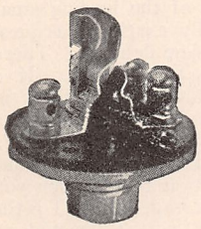

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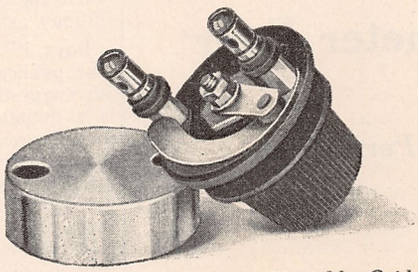

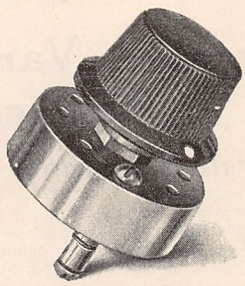

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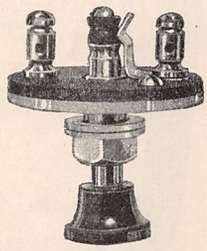

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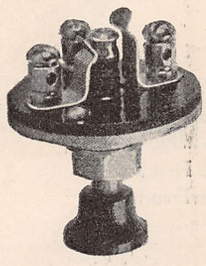

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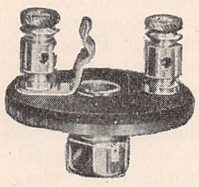

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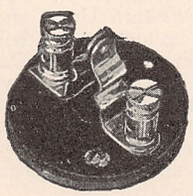

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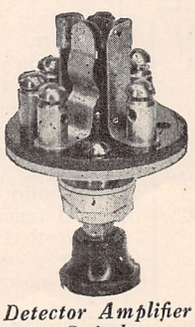

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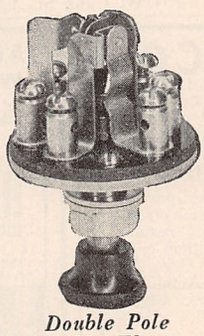

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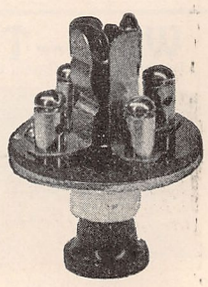

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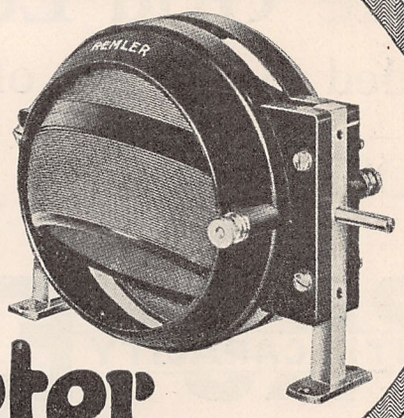

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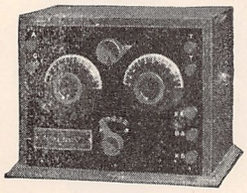

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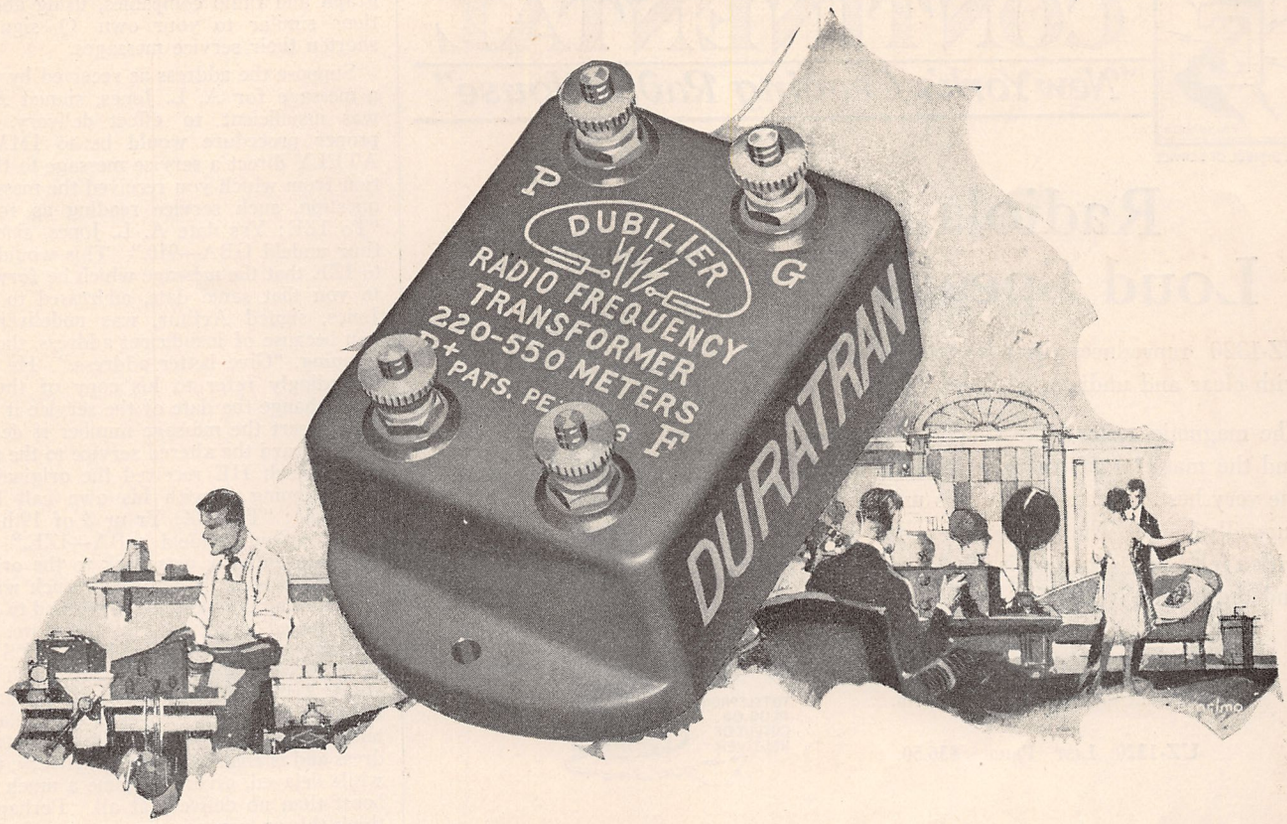
MANY MESSAGES ARE NOT DELIVERED

There is another point just as important as any that have gone before, that the writer wishes to touch on. It's an old sore, but apparently has never healed—message delivery. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to say, "non-delivery." Think of all the wasted effort on the part of the conscientious originating and relaying stations when a message is pushed to the city of its destination, generally overcoming terrific handicaps to reach there within a reasonable time limit, only to be delayed many hours, often several days and frequently NEVER delivered by the final receiving station! The writer prides himself on the fact that in all his years of amateur operation, a message reaching his station for delivery or relay *never* failed to reach the addressee (or next logical relay station) as soon as was humanly possible.

Boys, it's easy! One of the leading amateur publications recently carried a request for suggestions on message delivery. There is a definite system to follow here. If a message reaches your station for delivery in your own city or nearby, in other words, a message that requires no further relay, it's up to you. When you have concluded communication with the station from which you have just copied such messages, THAT is the time to take care of it, not at the end of the evening, nor yet the following morning. If you have telephone facilities, try and locate the addressee by this means. Call on the information operator for assistance if need be. If you are unsuccessful in locating your party, and have definitely established the fact that telephone delivery is impossible, try and pass the message to a reliable local station which is near enough to the addressee to deliver it in person and AT ONCE! Perhaps a little inconvenient, but surely the game is worth it. Failing all else, there is Uncle Sam's postal system, and if you get it in the post office that same night, the chances are nine to one that the addressee will receive the message in the morning mail. Your sole object should be to deliver that message in the quickest possible manner.

The fault most of you make is in holding all the business you may receive for local delivery, until the end of the evening, when it is generally too late to rouse the addressee and you accordingly hold it over until the following day to be delivered at your convenience. Drop that habit—do all that is physically possible to deliver your local traffic within a few minutes of its receipt. You can imagine where the Western Union and Postal companies would be today were they to deliver messages at their convenience. The system as above outlined for message delivery is substantially the same as used by these world famous companies and it has proved its worth. Phone first, then personal delivery where phone fails, and finally U. S. mail where no quicker means is available.

In the case of message delivery, how very few of you know the proper procedure in the event of it being impossible to accomplish such delivery for some reason beyond your control. The answer is—service the station of origin! So few service messages are handled over amateur radio circuits that 99 per cent of you can't recognize them when they ARE offered. There is nothing mysti-



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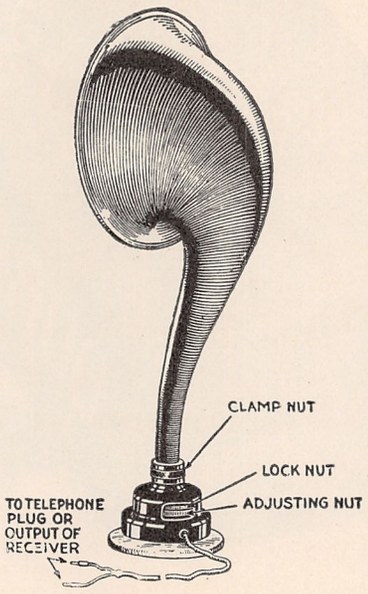

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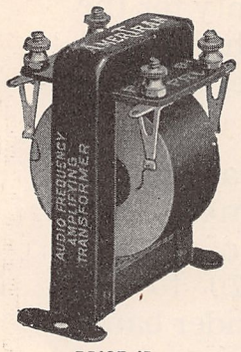

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There is another service system which must not be confused with the above described method. This is a method used by the commercial companies to show on the face of a message transmitted just how such transmission was accomplished. In practice the operator, while sending with his right hand, makes certain rough characters on the face of the message with his left. The common form of such notation is as follows: "1 3IW YB NX 11.10 p.m. 17th." Interpreted this means "message number one to station 3IW, sent by operator YB, received by operator NX, sent at 11.10 p.m. on the 17th." Form this habit also; you thereby have every necessary bit of information directly on the message form, enabling instant reference to any questioned point. It is difficult to learn to "service" a message with your left hand while sending with your right, but you can do it with practice. It is not necessary, of course, for you can make the notation between transmissions, in a few seconds.

Every operator should adopt a personal sine of one or two letters—most of you do, so we will pass over this. Suffice it to say that it helps enormously in tracing a message, as well as in passing your traffic if you know who the other man is.

The foregoing touches on the more important points and serious mistakes in the amateur world today. There are numerous others—long, useless calls, unnecessary CQ'ing and many of the more familiar breaches of good operating. These, too, you must iron out. The writer by no means wishes to convey the impression that he discourages amateur radio—just the opposite. It is a grand and glorious game, and the writer derives an immense amount of enjoyment from his own amateur station. The purpose of this article is to endeavor to point out the necessity for putting amateur radio on a business-like basis for the good of the game. It will take a very high order of co-opera-

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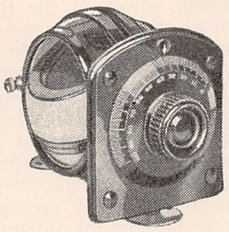

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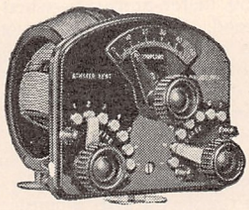

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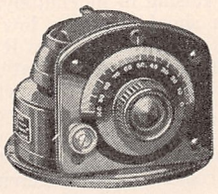

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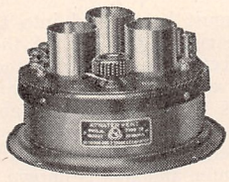

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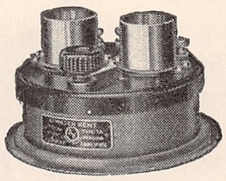

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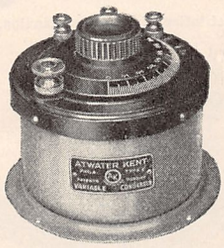

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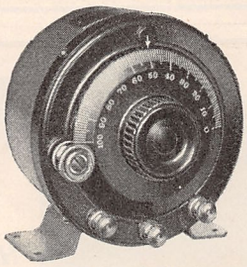

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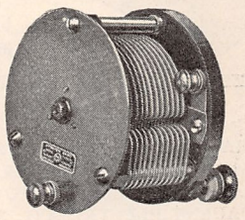

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Some Power Considerations in Radio Transmission

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The second parenthesis is a measure of the radiating power of the transmitter and is known as the meter-amperes product. A trans-Oceanic station usually has a meter-amperes rating of 30,000 or more. The figure given would correspond to an antenna height of 100 meters, and a current of 300 amperes in the ground lead. Broadcasting stations run much lower; the average 500-watt set, for example, may have an antenna height of say 30 meters, with 8 amperes at the base of the antenna, corresponding to about 250 meter-amperes. As for amateur transmitters, with a current of 3 amperes and say 15 meters height, quite a number have spanned the ocean with less than 50 meter-amperes—when the spanning was good. It may be mentioned that these figures are for actual antenna height, and that often the Austin-Cohen formula is given with a constant 120^{π}, which is twice as great as the 188 in the version used in this article. In that case "effective" or electrical antenna height is used, and this is generally about half the physical height, so that in reality the two formulae are the same.

At the receiving end the antenna height also influences the received signal, but static disturbances increase in the same proportion, so that in practice there is no advantage in raising h_r indefinitely. The receiving antenna should have as low a resistance as possible, since the factor R appears in the denominator of the equation. The usual way of decreasing R is by employing regeneration; by this means the resistance may be made to approach zero, and at the same time the tuning is sharpened by the lowering of the decrement of the receiving system.

For actual results in practice the simple transmission formula must be modified by a factor

$$e^{0.000047 \frac{d}{\sqrt{\lambda}}}, \text{ e being } 2.718.$$

This must be divided into the denominator of the right-hand side of the equation, and its effect is to make I_r much lower for a given value of "d." Also, with lower wave-lengths the value of the absorption factor increases, and there is some optimum value at which, for the given distance, I_r will be a maximum, and this is known as the optimum wave-length for that distance. For a very long distance, say 7,000 miles, the optimum wave-length will be of the order of 20,000 or 30,000 meters. But when there is no absorption, then obviously it is highly advantageous to be working on a low wave-length, since then the sample formula holds, and λ appears only as a first power in the denominator. The modified formula as above gives results for daylight, when absorption is a maximum.

A simple physical analogy for broadcast or amateur telegraph transmission as we know it today would be the case of a liquid welling up out of a pipe at a constant rate, and spreading over a flat plane of some porous material. Now imagine that in some directions, at times, the material becomes impervious to the liquid; then at points along these channels the rate of flow of the liquid

would be much greater. This corresponds to the favorable conditions of night reception when distance records are made. A condition when the liquid is uniformly soaked up in all directions would correspond to daylight radio transmission, and, of course, during this interval the liquid would not get out nearly as far from its source unless the rate of emission was greatly increased.

Fig. 1 shows graphically the effect of absorption at the lower wave-lengths. The curves are re-drawn from a logarithmic graph in the very instructive paper of Messrs. Nichols and Espenschied already cited. The upper curve shows the strength of the received field at Elberon, computed according to the formula, without taking absorption into account. The lower curve includes the absorption factor. It was found by actual measurements of the received energy that the strength of the field from the ship fluctuated between these two curves, falling to the lower line during the day, and rising at favorable times during the night to the upper line.

Analysis of these curves brings out the following facts: If we assume, with the authors, that a minimum field strength of 200 micro-amperes per meter is necessary for reliable telephone communication, under absorption conditions, the range is limited to 400 kilometers, or 250 miles. The upper curve in Fig. 1 falls to the same level at 1,100 kilometers, or 700 miles. As far as real distance reception is concerned, at about 1,200 miles the absorption curve is run down to the zero line, while the non-absorption curve is still well up in signal and falling very slowly. Its characteristic is such that for double the distance the signal drops only to half the value, and so on. "It is therefore seen," the writers conclude, "that many if not all of the long distance transmissions which have been realized for short periods of time probably can be explained simply on the basis of there having occurred an exceptional clearing up of absorption at a time of unusually favorable interference conditions." In other words, DX records on short waves are the result of some receiver picking up the energy which is normally absorbed by the atmosphere, at a time when, through some obscure and transitory physical change, the atmosphere does not take its usual toll from the passing electric wave.

Among other energy relationships which are not always clear to experimenters is the matter of detector response, which is tied up directly with the matters discussed above. Everyone who follows the literature has seen references to an alleged threshold value below which a detector will not work, hence the desirability of radio frequency amplification before the rectifier. R. F. amplification is indeed valuable, but the actual reason for its efficacy lies in the square law response of detectors. Fig. 2 shows how the response of a detector varies with the received current. The steepness of the curve increases at higher currents and voltages. If we supply a voltage equivalent to 10 microamperes of received current to the detector, we get a response of less than half an audibility unit. If we supply 80 microamperes, after say one step of R. F., we get an audible response of 20 units. By increasing our input 8-fold, we can increase the output 40-fold. It is a matter of a larger investment yielding a greater percentage return than a small outlay. The effect is the same as if the detector "lay down" at some definite point and did not function below this level, but actually the existence of this point is a myth, and the explanation is found in the square law of response.

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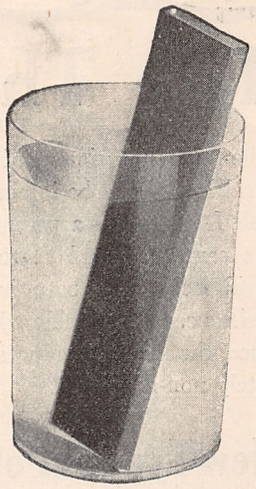

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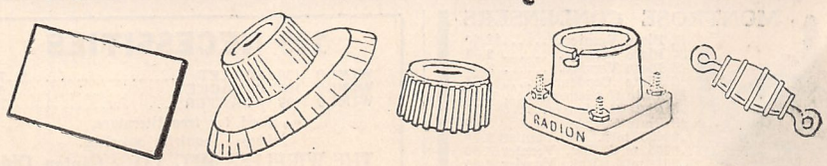

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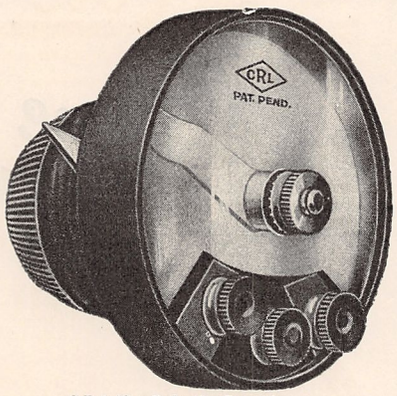

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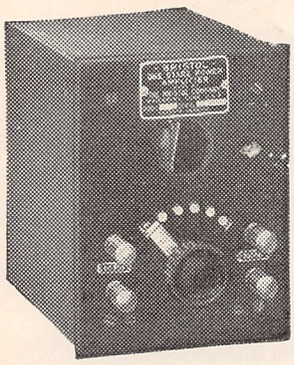

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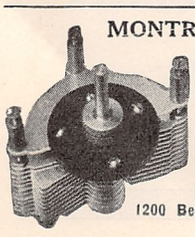

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such a characteristic is. It is equally hospitable to all signals, and treats them all alike, giving the weak as much response, in proportion, as the strong, while other forms of detectors than the heterodyne favor strong signals. This gives telegraph reception of C. W. signals, as used by amateurs, an advantage over telephone listeners, and explains why the amateurs in general cover greater distances with lower power than the broadcasting stations. Of course, the B. C. L.'s also use heterodyne reception, at times, but the resulting speech is usually so distorted that there is no gain in range, and the resulting interference with other listeners is known to everyone.

For commercial radio telephone reception a field strength of 200 micro-volts per meter is needed, which, with a 10-meter receiving antenna, would correspond to a total received voltage of 2,000 micro-volts. If the antenna resistance is 25 ohms, the received antenna current would be 80 micro-amperes. But for freak reception probably a few micro-amperes, or even a fraction of a micro-ampere, is probably sufficient in the absence of QRM at the receiving station, and this ratio is a fair measure of reception from a nearby broadcasting station, or a local amateur, as compared to long range work on the same waves.

It is only a matter of time when all advanced amateurs will analyze the power problems of radio transmission along the lines outlined in this article, just as the amateurs of today rate their antenna power in terms of watts in the antenna, where their predecessors spoke of two-inch spark coils and the like. The advantage of exact methods is that one knows where one is at. Using the principles discussed, one knows that if a broadcasting station doubles its power it will be heard twice as loudly, although the new antenna current will be only 1.41 (the square-root of 2) times the old. If a C. W. telegraph station doubles its power, the increase in the antenna current will be the same, but the station will get through only 1.41 times as loud, to receivers using heterodyne reception. Knowing the underlying principles, an amateur can predict the improvement to be expected if he changes from a five-watt to a 20-watt transmitter, and make numerous other practical calculations, while without an understanding of the relation of power and sending current to range and received current he is about in the position of a man who wants to become an international banker, but does not know anything about foreign exchange.

The Nerve System of the Sea

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bearings to vessels. The system is regarded as the most accurate in the world, being capable of giving bearings within one-tenth of a degree. Approximately 90,000 bearings were furnished to vessels during the past year. By the use of the more recently developed system of radio compass beacons the captain of a vessel may determine his own bearing by radio.

The principal radio stations of the Navy on the Atlantic Coast are at Bar Harbor, Sayville, L. I., Annapolis, Arlington, Cayey, P. R., Guantenamo, C. Z., and Panama. There are also a large number of costal stations. The Bar Harbor station receives all messages from Europe, and from the fleet. The messages are then relayed by leased wire to Washington. The Sayville station is used as a transmitting station to the fleet and as a standby for Annapolis. Annapolis is the principal Atlantic Coast transmitting station to Europe and to the Pacific. Both

the Annapolis and Sayville stations are operated by remote control from Washington. The stations in the Canal Zone are under Naval control according to agreement with the Republic of Panama which provides for the broadcasting of entertainment programs as well as official business.

In the Pacific, the Naval radio service is practically the only means of handling press dispatches, the Associated Press sending on an average of about 1,000 words daily from San Francisco to Honolulu and about 800 words to Manila. Several radio circuits are maintained by the Navy in the Pacific but the chief one both in length and volume of traffic handled operates between San Francisco and the Philippines. A half-hourly schedule is maintained between San Francisco and Honolulu. There are stations also at Guam and Cavite, and at Tutuila in the Samoan Islands.

The Cavite station is in constant communication with French Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies. Northward from Cavite, circuits to Peking and Shanghai are maintained. Eastbound trans-Pacific traffic is sent direct from Cavite to San Francisco. In Alaska the main Naval radio stations are at Sitka, Ketchikan, Seward, Kodiak, Cordova, Dutch Harbor, and St. Paul. As the Alaskan cable is often out of commission, the Navy's radio chain is frequently called to accept commercial messages for the Northwest.

Nearly 1,000,000 words a month for the Navy, and 240,000 words for other Government departments are handled at the Washington radio office through which all incoming and outgoing dispatches for central Government bureaus are transmitted. A conservative estimate places the annual number of words handled at 15,000,000. The Navy is the largest user of the service, the Department of Agriculture next, with around 2,000,000 words, followed by the State and War Departments. Based on commercial rates it is estimated that the Washington service annually handles a total of more than $4,000,000 worth of business.

In addition to the Governmental and public services rendered by the Navy's radio organization, the Navy has played a leading part in the field of radio research. The policy pursued has been one of close cooperation with manufacturing companies in designing and producing equipment. The improved spark gaps and wave changers were called for in Naval specifications several years before the desired type was finally developed. A number of designers were trained by the Navy to learn naval conditions and requirements, and the radio apparatus designed became the standard for similar apparatus used on merchant vessels. Testing laboratories are maintained as an aid to manufacturers in keeping equipment up to standard. The development of efficient insulators for use on high-voltage power lines all over the world is a Navy accomplishment resulting from experiments with porcelain and composition insulators used to support radio antenna.

Outstanding results have been obtained by the Navy in designing radio antenna and in constructing self-supporting radio towers. The design of the 600′ and 450′ steel towers at the Arlington station has been followed at all high-power Navy stations, and has been adopted by commercial companies. Considerable research study has been made of atmospheric disturbances and wavelengths. A system for the automatic relaying by radio of received signals has been developed. For example, the Arlington station transmits time signals on 2,650 meters and the messages are automatically relayed by the Anacostia station on wavelengths of 360 to 412 meters. High speed transmitting and recording systems have also been developed.

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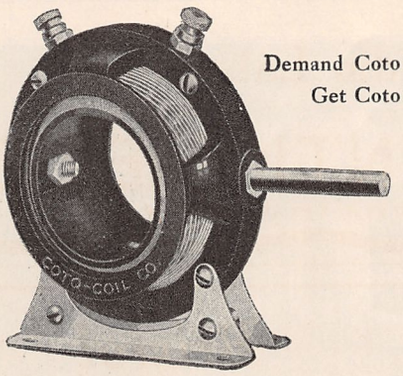

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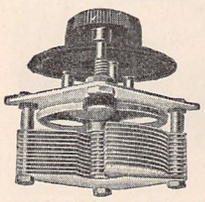

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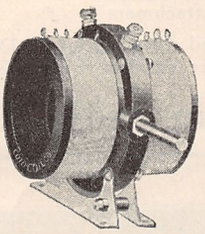

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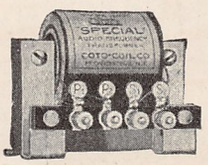

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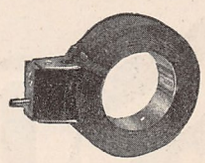

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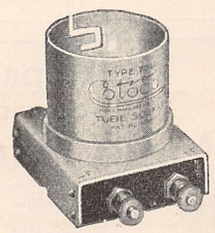

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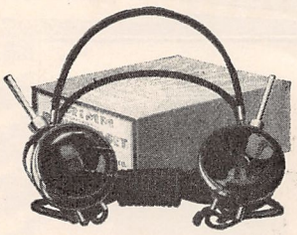

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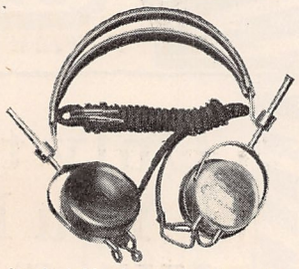

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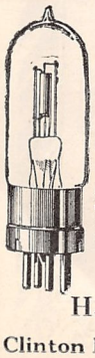

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Amateur Radio in the Orient

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through it and fight for something better.

One of the Hong Kong papers contained a very interesting story of a meeting held there at the time of my visit. It is indeed worthy of note, so the complete article follows, for your perusal:

"There came into being at the City Hall yesterday evening a Hong Kong Radio Club. A public meeting convened by the Hong Kong Telegraph was held for the purpose, and a large number of enthusiasts attended. The chair was taken by Mr. F. Hicks, who was supported by Mr. B. Wylie, and Mr. F. J. Franklin.

"The Chairman, explaining the objects of the meeting, expressed the hope that if the meeting should decide to start a Club it would concentrate its activities on research and experimental work rather than on what might be termed the amusing side of radio. There would, of course, be people to whom radio would appeal as a fad, a novelty or a rather elaborate toy, but for the scientifically-minded there would be much more in it than that. The chief aim of the Club, he suggested, should be to help forward the development of wireless communication, to improve the knowledge of its members by experimental activity, and, perhaps, in this way to render some service in the perfecting of radio apparatus. In this connection, it is a most fortunate circumstance that amongst those who had sent in their names as being willing to join the Club were quite a number with expert knowledge of the subject. This knowledge they were quite prepared to place at the disposal of the members, and under the guidance of such experts the new organization should have a most beneficial future. One of the very first duties of the Club, when formed, he said, would be to set about securing adequate Club premises. A room would necessarily be required where members could not only meet for exchange of ideas, but where demonstrations, instruction and lectures could be given.

"The following resolution was passed on the proposition of Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Ribeiro: 'In the opinion of this meeting Hong Kong should have a Radio Club, and that this club be duly formed by the present meeting.'

"The chairman informed the meting that he had received 93 letters from people wishing to become members of the Club, and he formally moved that they be provisionally enrolled.

"Mr. Taylor seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

"The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. H. Donnithorne of the China Light and Power Company; Vice-president, Mr. R. M. Smith; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. O. Tollan.

"It was decided that the Committee, for the time being at least should consist of only four other members in addition to the officials already elected. The four were Messrs. J. M. Jack, Taylor, A. B. Raworth, and W. E. Orchard.

"The chairman, while the ballot for committee was in progress, remarked that they could get in touch with the Shanghai Radio Club, and get a few ideas from them. They could hold another meeting at a later date and decide as to rules and regulations, etc.

"A member of the audience asked whether there were any thoughts as to the description of sets to be used, and whether they would not make some attempt to see that the sets imported were of British manufacture.

"The chairman expressed a doubt as to whether the question was one which should really be raised at this particular meeting.

"One gentleman remarked that he belived there was a clause in the agreement between the Broadcasting Company at the Home, and the Home Government, that all the sets, etc., used in the British Isles should be of British manufacture and he thought something of the sort might be urged upon the Hong Kong Government.—(Applause.)

"The matter was dropped.

"Replying to a question as to whether any move had been made with regard to obtaining a Provisional License from the Government for firms desiring to broadcast, Mr. W. E. Orchard, electrician of the Hong Kong Hotel Company, stated that if the Club would petition the Government on this particular matter the Hong Kong Hotel Company would be prepared to broadcast free of all charge. He understood the Colonial Secretary was waiting for instruction on the whole question from Home. They would not guarantee their programs, however, unless they could get the guarantee of sale rights.

"This last remark prompted a member of the audience to ask: 'If this company gets the license they ask for, will they monopolize the sale of instruments?'

"Mr. Orchard replied in the negative.

"The chairman explained that the Government had received an application from a company for a provisional license to broadcast till such time as the authorities in Hong Kong learned something of the agreement drawn up between the authorities at Home and the Broadcasting Company. With regard to licenses for receiving sets they had been informed through the Press by Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher that a number of applications of this sort had been received, and were readily granted. Listeners-in would be able to pick up weather reports, trade reports, and messages between ships, etc. At Home every person wishing to get a license of this sort applied at the Post Office, and part of the price they paid went to the Government, and a certain percentage went to the Broadcasting Company, as royalties As far as he knew the Hong Kong Hotel Company were prepared to broadcast without any such royalties.

"Mr. Orchard confirmed this statement, and moved 'That the Government be urged to expedite the gaining of provisional broadcasting licenses to any Company willing to undertake broadcasting.'

"The motion was seconded and carried.

"Mr. Channy said he took it that after a time the Radio Club would be able to do its own broadcasting, and hold concerts at intervals throughout the week. 'Get the artists to the Clubroom,' he said, 'and broadcast your own stuff.'

"The matter was then dropped, and the meeting came to an end."

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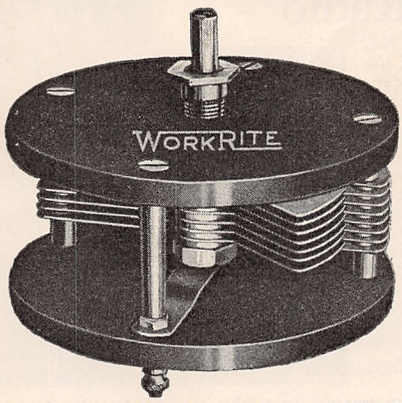

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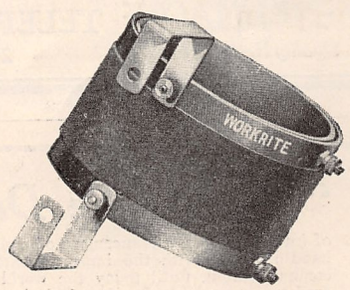

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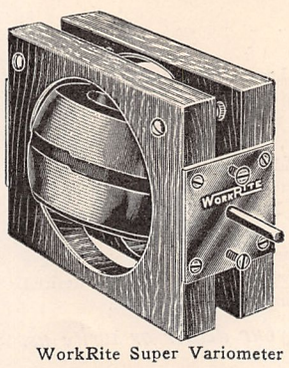

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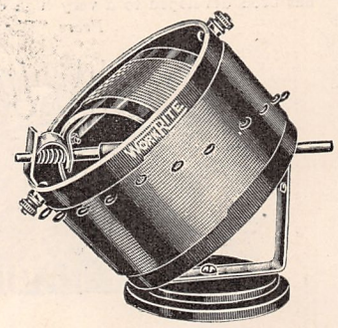

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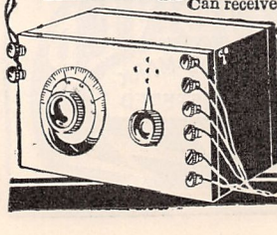

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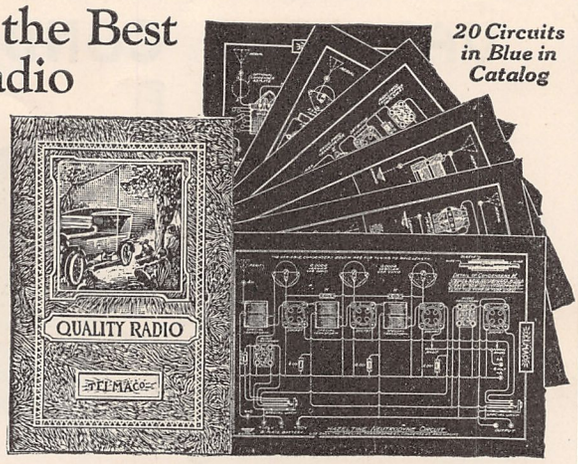

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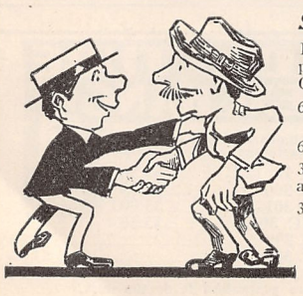

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Rather a long article; at first it may seem uninteresting, but a little time on it will convince one that there is plenty of food for thought. It would be unwise for me to comment, to give my own personal opinion on anything, but fellows, just think it over. Of course no one has to form an opinion—when there is really no cause for controversy, but those who do not can glean from that article a whole lot that we haven't heard about before. English ways and Hong Kong's own ways.

From those two items or articles we see something of radio in the Orient today. I wonder what the casual observer will note of amateur radio 10 years from now in that same country?

Everyday Observations of the Beat Phenomenon

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will actually be pulsating in agreement with the alternations of the supply current. If the time between successive identical positions of the fan and the time between light pulses almost agree, the result will show what appears to be a slowly revolving fan. It is quite apparent that a four-blade fan will reach a position similar to its original position at the end of one-fourth of a revolution. If the time between light pulses agrees with this time, the fan will appear stationary. If the period between light pulses is not in agreement with the period between successive similar positions, each exposure will show the fan in a slightly advanced or retarded position. The eye receives the impression resulting from a series of such exposures.

A PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE

This principle is used in engineering work as the basis of an accurate method for indicating the rotation speed of machines. By attaching to the shaft a cross or spoked figure, and illuminating this by light from a source of known frequency, it is possible to accurately estimate the rotation speed by observing the rotation speed of the slowly revolving image.

A few very simple examples of visible beats are shown in the accompanying figures. Each case is easily analyzed as follows:

Fig. 1 shows two series of black spots, one having, say, four to the inch, the other five to the inch. The result is a periodic registering of spots at the rate of one per inch.

Fig. 2 indicates how two waves combine to produce beats. The figure shows 12½

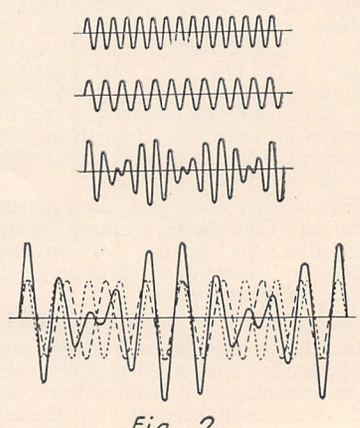

Fig. 2

Illustrating the Combination of Two Electric Waves of Dissimilar Frequency and the Beats Produced Therefrom.

cycles in combination with 10 cycles, the result being two and one-half beats. The dotted line indicates how the two waves are added to obtain the resultant. The wave form in this case is triangular for the sake of simplicity.

Fig. 3 shows the same effect resulting from two picket fences. The difference in spacing of the pickets is due of course to the fact that one fence is nearer the observer than the other.

Figs. 4 and 5 show the same effect resulting from the overlapping of two ordinary window screens. Here the difference in spacing required is due partly to the slight irregularities in the screen construction, and partly to the fact that one screen is nearer the observer than the other.

POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS OF THE PRINCIPLE

Without doubt there are many opportunities for the practical application of this principle. There are already several ingenious window display devices which employ this principle. A certain manufacturer of lubricating fluids for automobiles, has a very fascinating exhibit showing a rapidly moving chain passing over sprockets immersed in grease. A non-synchronous shutter is provided by merely placing a perforated disk on the shaft of a small motor. From the observer's point of view the chain appears to be creeping slowly through the liquid. The same effect could have been produced by non-synchronous illumination, and the addition of this feature would be rather baffling to the casual observer at least.

There are great possibilities in scenic effects, multi-color backgrounds, etc., which provide a most interesting field of research for those who possess ingenuity and are inclined to use it.

State College to Teach Radio by Mail

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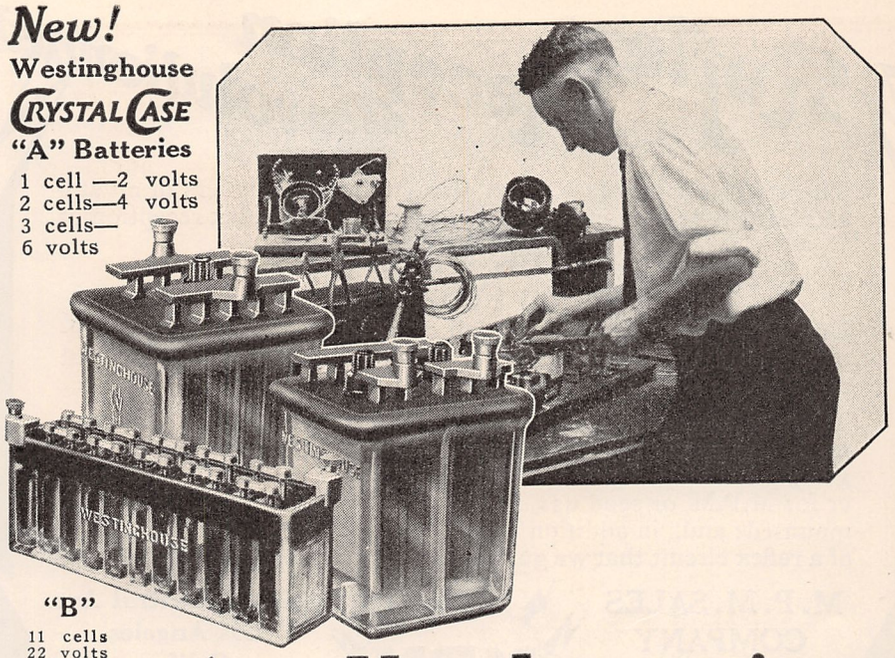

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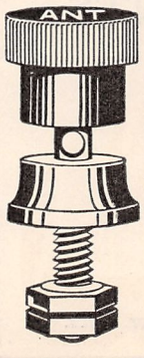

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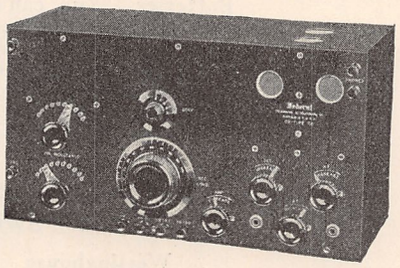

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A Voltage Raiser for C.W. Transmitters

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The sectors are formed from a copper ring not less than 1/16" thick, which is cut up as shown in the diagram, and screwed down to a hard rubber panel with countersunk screws. The connections from the condensers are soldered to the screws. As the maximum allowable voltage between the segments of an ordinary commutator is about 30, the usual method of insulation is obviously impossible where the voltage across the gaps may be nearly 500, as a flashover would take place at once. This difficulty is got over by raising the copper sectors from the panel by means of small condenser spacing washers leaving a large surface for metallic dust, etc.

Originally, ordinary contact studs were used instead of copper sectors, for ease in constructing, but it was difficult to prevent either the studs or the brushes wearing rapidly away, and when this took place, sparking became serious, with loss of power.

The connections are as in the wiring diagram, Fig. 3. Small fan type motors can often be obtained second hand at a very low cost, while 2 mfd. condensers are advertised by several dealers. As they do not require to stand more than 230 volts, ordinary condensers are very suitable; some which were tested stood 500 volts without breakdown.

Where a tonic train effect is no disadvantage the size of condensers may be reduced very considerably below that indicated, but for telephony this would be almost as difficult to smooth as rectified A.C.

It may be mentioned that a little oil on the commutator leads to smoother running, and does not seem to impair the electrical contact. Also, before mounting, the whole face of the commutator should be ground down smooth on an emery wheel or cloth. Where it is to hand, the side face of an emery wheel is much less tiring to use.

The actual method of mounting may be left to the constructor, but attention is drawn to the nuts supporting the panel, which allow the pressure of the bushes to be evenly regulated over the surface of the commutator.

Another point to observe is that D.C. mains are earthed either on positive or negative, and hence the output terminals are at an alternating potential with respect to earth, so that *care must be taken to prevent any part of the transmitter being earthed except through a condenser capable of standing the full output voltage*, and not larger than about .005 μF, or the action of the machine will be interfered with. An ordinary Dubilier condenser is very compact and stands about 1,000 volts. The small ones can pass all the H.F. current most amateurs are likely to be dealing with.

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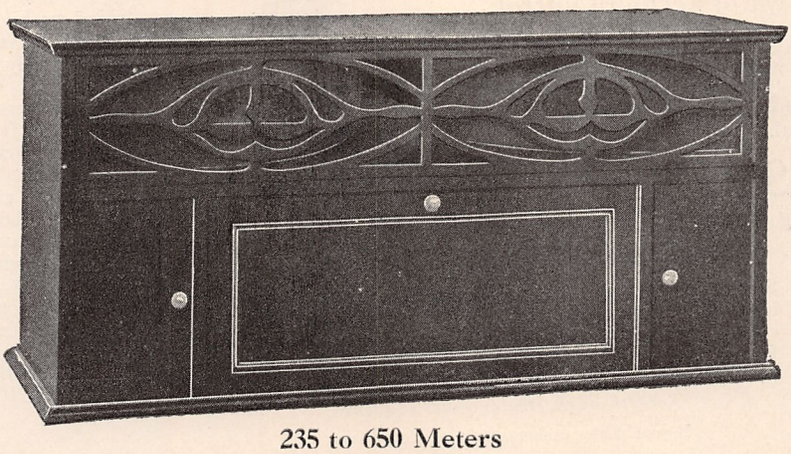

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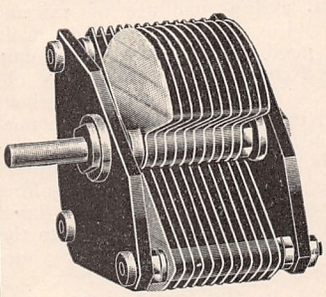

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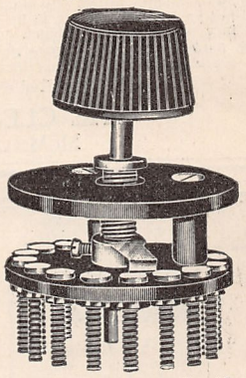

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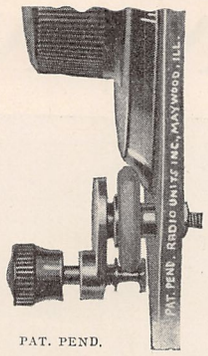

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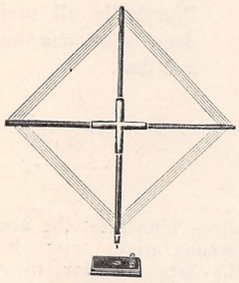

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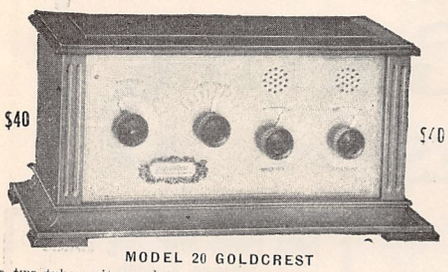

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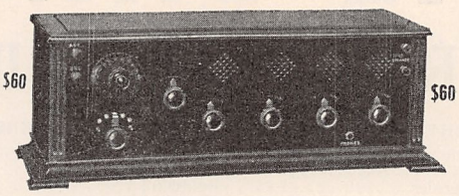

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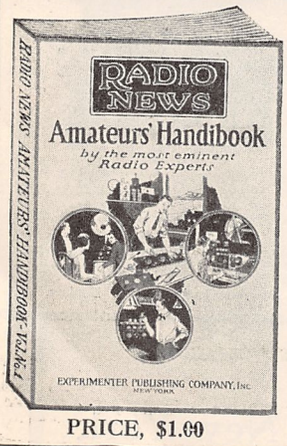

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ability to work through stations lying at or near right angles to the sending station, although even in this particular it is not in actual practice what it appears to be, theoretically.

So far as reducing static is concerned, the regular aerial can be easily arranged to give the same effect as a loop and in addition, the arrangement will allow you to select any graduation from full strength of aerial to below what the smallest loops will give and as the arrangement acts as a wave trap in some respects, the selectivity is increased as the static is diminished.

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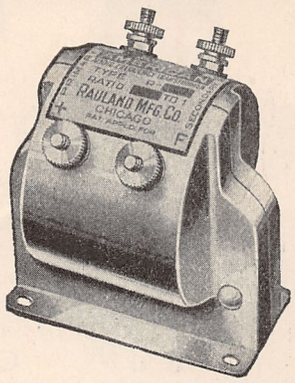

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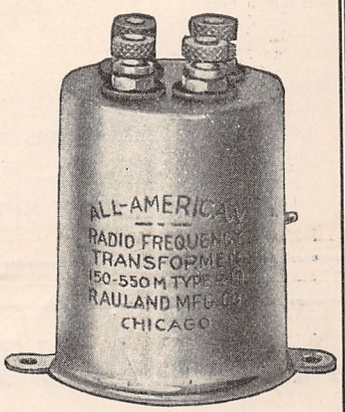

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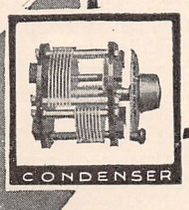

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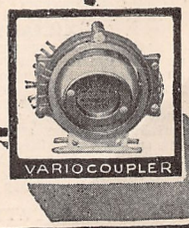

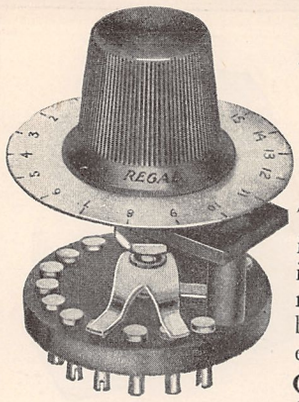

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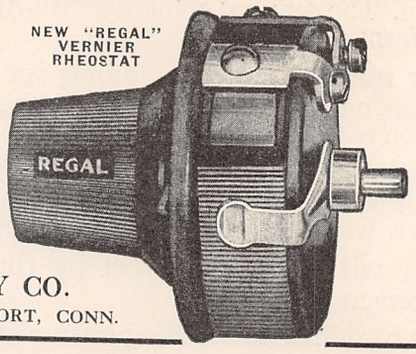

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The inverted "L" type of aerial is probably the best and simplest aerial to use for all ordinary amateur purposes of receiving. However, if special tests are to be made in any particular direction, it is recommended that a single or double wire directive aerial be used if there is room. The Beverage wire, as mentioned before, is quite satisfactory when going right, although it requires considerable experimenting to get it right and keep it right. As a substitute it is recommended that no special arrangements be made, but simply string the wire out in the direction desired to receive from. The total length should be at least 600′ for reception at 200 meters and the far end should not be over 8′ or 10′ high. The near end may be anywhere from 10′ to 60′ high. The higher the near end, the greater the signal strength and the less the directive effect. This aerial should be connected to the set in the regular manner and about 20 or 25 turns of wire (three or four inches in diameter) used on the primary with the primary condenser in the parallel position.

Such an arrangement should give a decided increase in signal strength and distance from stations in the direction of the far end and almost the same in the opposite direction, but signals at right angles to the direction of the wire will be greatly reduced over those received on a regular aerial. The height of the near end can be regulated to give the best ratio of signal strength in the desired direction to those at right angles to it; 20′ to 30′ for the near end will be a fair height. If such an aerial is used for special short period tests, No. 14 aluminum wire is recommended as it is cheap and light and for stretches of from 600′ to 800′ will require no intermediate supports. If more conductivity is desired, two of these wires spaced about one foot apart and connected together at both ends are recommended.

In conclusion, it is suggested that all tests for maximum distance and maximum signal strength of distant stations be conducted as near the middle of the day as possible, and this range, say from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., should be considered the standard range of your particular apparatus. At this time of day signals, interference and fading will be at a minimum and the least change in the signal strength of a distant station or the appearance of a new station can be detected. Also any changes in signal strength or distance will as a rule be very gradual for these hours varying only slightly and gradually through the different seasons of the year, while signals in the early morning, late afternoon and night will be very unreliable and vary greatly from day to day or from hour to hour, thereby making accurate tests almost impossible. Moreover, once the mid-day range of your station is definitely improved you can rest assured the night range will take care of itself. While it is never a good policy to give any definite range for any instrument, as too

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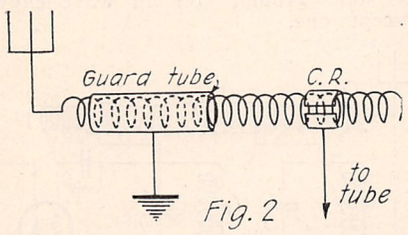

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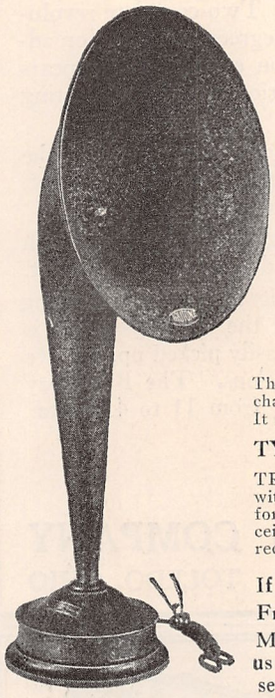

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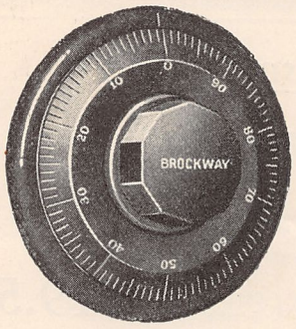

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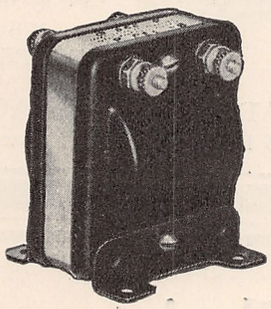

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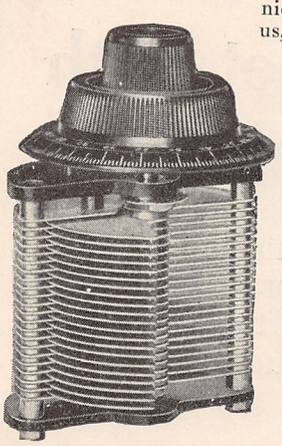

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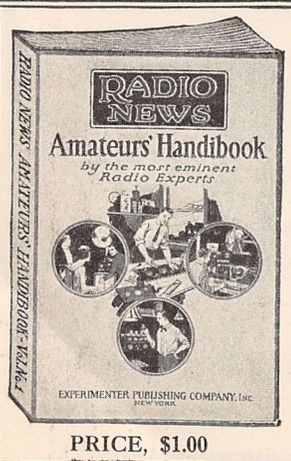

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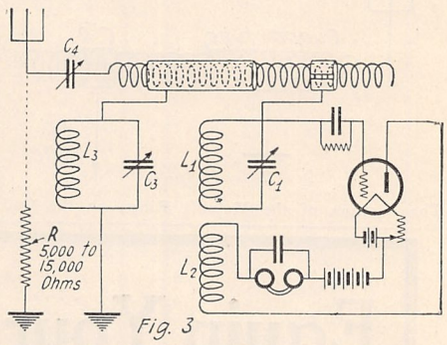
of "static" on the resonance wave coil? When this noisy, abrupt impulse invades the antenna, a high voltage circulates on the left end of the resonance wave coil. The electric load is imposed abruptly. This voltage then proceeds to travel along the coil, the latter absorbing the impulses, as it were. If this tendency is not interrupted, the resonance wave coil will oscillate at its own frequency. Fortunately, however, the "guard tube," described in a preceding paragraph, conveys a large share of the "static" impulses to the ground, thus avoiding the oscillation of the resonance wave coil.

When a person desires to render a harsh criticism or maybe expert judgment concerning any so-called "static eliminator," he will exclaim,, "Oh yes, it kills 'static' and the signals, too." This occurs in the arrangement of the resonance wave coil in its suppression of atmospheric disturbances at this stage, but thanks to the ingenuity of Doctor Cohen and his co-laborers, there is a resourceful addition to this arrangement which reserves the orderly radio signals for reception by means of the head telephones. Happily, it is called the "rejector circuit"; obviously, because it rejects the useless noises and conserves the useful signals. This is accomplished by "grounding" the "guard tube" in such a manner that the connection functions as a "solid ground" on all wave-lengths except one.



The Connections of the Guard Tube Used to Eliminate Static. The Trap Circuit Should Be Tuned to the Incoming Signal.

Suppose the electric circuit of the resonance wave coil is adjusted to a wave-length of 300 meters, all other electric waves are conveyed to the ground. The 300-meter wave-length is rejected, or arrested, more properly speaking, and the signals are transferred to the "collector ring". The "rejector circuit" not only drains the atmospheric disturbances to the earth, but likewise conveys signals of frequencies other than one particular wave-length to the ground. The latter action should prove useful in eliminating some of the interference now caused by the multitude of broadcasting stations—approximately 500, all told—that are releasing their burdens of song and story upon a heavily charged ether.

The "rejector circuit" stipulated by the Signal Corps is one possessing low electrical resistance, which necessitates the use of heavy wire in the construction of the resonance wave coil and a variable condenser of unquestioned quality, with small losses. Such a variable condenser may, suitably, be of .001 microfarad capacity, shunted across a coil having 55 turns of D. C. C. wire. The latter, according to a suggestion of the Signal Corps, may be of No. 14 B. & S. gauge, threaded around a tube 3¾" in diameter. This arrangement will afford an inductance of 0.1 of a millihenry. Preferably, this variable condenser should be insulated with hard rubber.

Structurally, the "collector ring" and "guard tube" entering into the formation of this "static-eliminating" device, are made of brass and in finished forms should fit snugly. By way of suggestion, the winding may be covered with a layer of thin paper and then tubes employed that will slide smoothly over the paper. It is optional with the constructor whether the "guard tube" is split or not, but the "collector ring" necessarily contains a split.

A tickler or plate-circuit variometer is employed if regeneration is desired in this particular electric circuit. Use

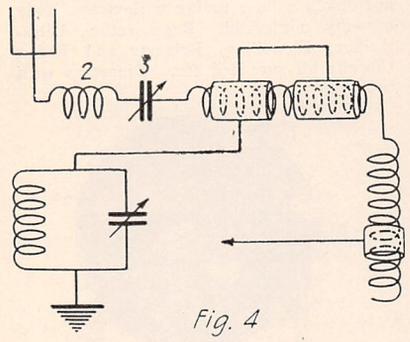


Fig. 4

Better Elimination of Static is Obtained by the Use of Two Coils and a Guard Tube Composed of Two Sections.

of either of these instruments in this connection demands a tuned secondary circuit connected to the grid element of the vacuum tube. Regeneration is also possible by means of the resonance wave coil in the absence of additional windings of wire.

In this capacity of reducing seasonal atmospheric disturbances, both the resonance wave coil and the radio-receiving instruments must be screened, in the event that violent crashing and rumbling noises are to be suppressed. Complete screening is absolutely essential, which requirement indicates that the entire outfit must be enclosed in an air-tight copper case of reasonable thickness, 18 gauge, for instance. The batteries or wiring to and from the latter to the radio instruments must not be exposed. The telephone cord should be protected by a strip of copper Belden braid, which is "grounded" to the copper shield.

The resonance wave coil lends itself to use with a variety of electric circuits in the capacity of "static eliminator". It may be employed with a single-circuit, now commonly found in homes of broadcast listeners, or with an inductively coupled tuner. The latter arrangement is likely to result in extreme sharpness of tuning. Likewise, the resonance wave coil is adaptable to use with a tuned antenna system, which arrangement, however, is conducive to extreme selectivity. In this instance, a switch is provided so that the coil may be connected above the tuned primary circuit when receiving weak signals, or below (at the ground

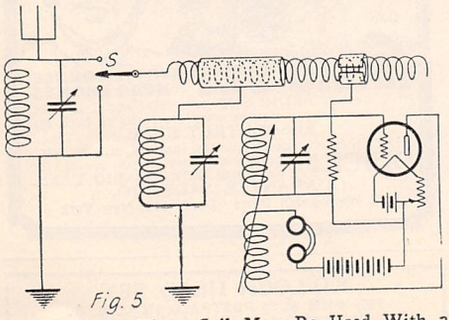


Fig. 5

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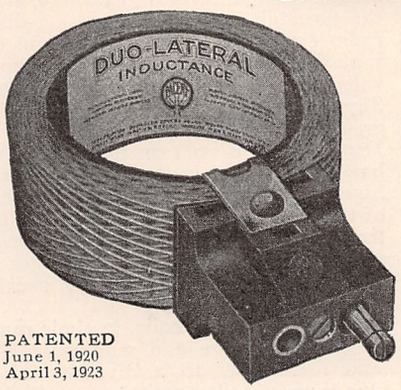

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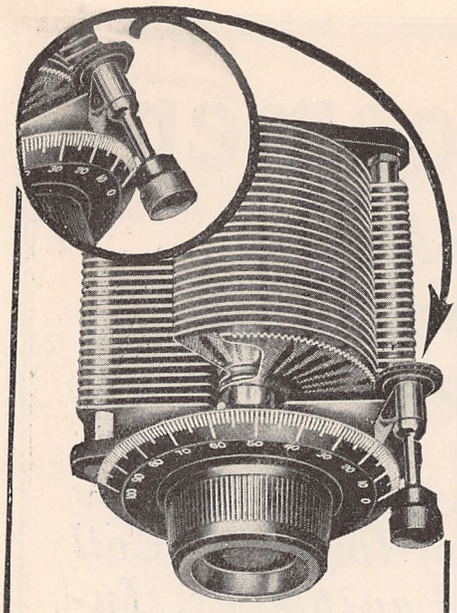

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The performance tests of this new device, or rather applications of an instrument invented several years ago, indicate the possibility of receiving long-distance radio communications that would otherwise be inaudible because of the prevalency of atmospheric disturbances. Signals from the high-power radio telegraph stations of the United States Navy Department located on the Pacific Coast have been heard in the laboratory of the Signal Corps at Washington, by the use of the resonance wave coil, when the distracting extraneous noises would have almost jarred the head telephones from the ears of the operator under usual conditions of reception.

Resonance wave coils, in their multiple variations of size and windings of wire, lend themselves to a diversity of uses. One type of coil constitutes a full-fledged wireless antenna, dispensing with any radio-receiving instruments other than a detector and a pair of head telephones. No ground connection, either counterpoise or actual, is required. As a single-unit radio direction finder another design of resonance wave coil is able to determine the position and altitude of aircraft in flight. Still another type of resonance wave coil enables the laboratory of the Signal Corps in Washington, when using six stages of radio amplification, to receive signals from a radio telegraph station of the United States Navy Department located at Guantanamo, Cuba.

The application of resonance wave coils in the reduction of atmospheric disturbances, however, offers the most fascinating field of experimentation for the radio amateurs. The development of these coils by the Signal Corps while in the pursuit of methods and apparatus for communication purposes necessary to the prosecution of war, is an example of how war-created difficulties are responsible for an invention of far-reaching significance to peaceful industries. If resonance wave coils can lift the bane of radio telegraphy and telephony it will have earned the everlasting gratitude of the radio industry. These coils certainly merit further experimentation as a possible means of removing, or partially subduing, the clicking, crashing and hissing noises that invade the radio-receiving instruments for five or six months of a twelve-month period.

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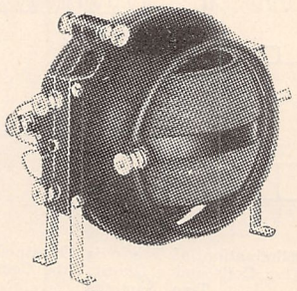

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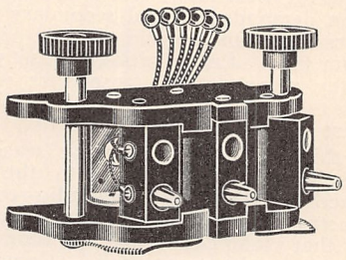

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Q. 2. Should the honey-comb coils shown in this circuit be fixed or variable?

A. 2. These coils, when once adjusted, will not have to be moved and may be fixed.

Audio Frequency Transformers

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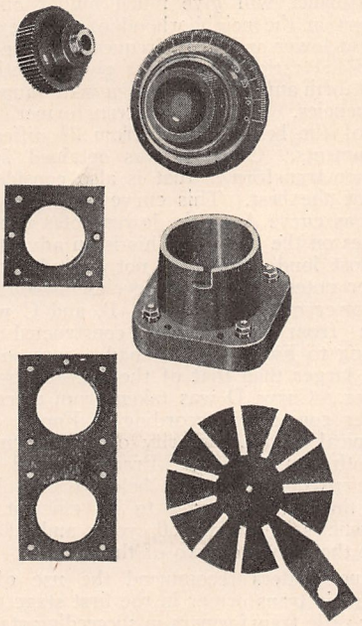
are mounted. Many transformers are protected by a metal shield which entirely covers the coils. This is good practice as far as protecting the coils from mechanical injury is concerned, but electrically, no advantage is gained.

Now that a general idea of the elements of the transformer has been obtained, we will discuss ratio, which is a very important consideration in amplifying transformer design. Ratio is simply the proportion of the number of turns of wire in the secondary coil to the number of turns in the primary coil. Transformers now on the market vary in ratio from 3:1 to 10:1. In other words, the secondaries have from 3 to 10 times as many turns as the primaries. In a 10:1 ratio transformer, if 1 volt is applied to the primary, the secondary will deliver about 10 volts, and in a 3:1 ratio transformer the secondary will deliver about 3 volts; hence, as the vacuum tube is a potential operated device, there is a tendency on the part of the layman to choose a high ratio transformer, thinking he will get greater amplification. He is correct in regard to greater amplification, but if he considered the distortion introduced by the high ratio instruments now available, he would select a low ratio one. None of the high ratio transformers which were tested by the writer were as efficient in regard to distortion as the lower ratio ones. If the transformer is to be used for amplifying dot and dash code messages, where distortion makes no difference, a high ratio one is preferable, but for broadcast reception the low ratio ones are by far the better. It should be remembered that these transformers do not amplify the energy; the voltage is amplified and the current reduced, and, neglecting losses in transformation, the energy is constant. It is the vacuum tube that amplifies the energy in an audio frequency amplifier.

We will now consider the method used in testing the transformers. In Fig. 5 is shown a diagram of the testing apparatus, called a "peak volt meter." The audio frequency oscillator is a vacuum tube affair, capable of delivering alternating currents of from 100 to 6000 cycles per second. The transformer under test is connected as shown, but the test leads, which are shown connected to the secondary of the transformer, are first connected to each other, and the slider on the potentiometer P adjusted until the plate current indicated by the milliameter is zero. The reading of the voltmeter is then noted and the potentiometer slider is then readjusted until the voltmeter reading is increased by two volts. The test leads are then connected to the primary of the transformer and the oscillator set into operation at any desired frequency. The variable resistance R1 is then adjusted until the plate current is again zero. Then the peak voltage applied to the primary is 2. The test leads are then connected to the secondary, as shown, and the potentiometer adjusted until the plate current is again zero. The voltmeter reading is observed, and from its value the value first noted with the test leads connected together is subtracted. The difference is the peak voltage across the secondary ter-



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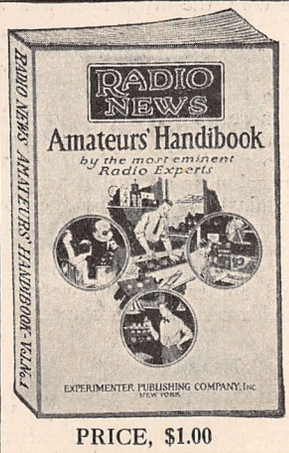

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minals. This procedure is repeated at several different frequencies, and a curve plotted. The curve will show the variation of the secondary peak voltage with frequency, with a constant primary voltage of 2. It is desirable to make measurements with various amplitudes of primary voltage as well as various frequencies. In this way, a very interesting set of curves of a number of transformers were obtained, four of which are shown in Fig. 6.

Curve A in an actual curve of a 3½:1 ratio transformer and curve B that of a 6:1 ratio transformer made by the same manufacturer. These two curves were taken as samples to show the effect of ratio. It will be noted that this particular 6:1 ratio transformer will give much higher amplification in the neighborhood of 1200 cycles than at lower or higher frequencies, whereas the 3½:1 ratio transformer gives practically uniform amplification over a wide range of frequencies. This 3½:1 transformer was one of the best obtained from 24 different instruments. Curve C was obtained from another transformer that is also considered one of the best. This curve is almost the same as curve A on the lower notes but increases on the higher. This is an advantage as most loud talkers do not reproduce the higher notes, above 5,000 cycles, as loud as the lower ones. Curves A, B, and C were taken from transformers constructed according to Fig. 3, and all had a core somewhat larger than that of the average transformer. Curve D was taken from a transformer constucted according to Fig. 2, and is typical of the majority of transformers of both constructions. Practically all are inefficient on frequencies below 630 cycles; only three were found to be efficient on frequencies as low as 350 cycles, and A and C are the curves of two of them.

Some writers recommend the use of a high ratio transformer in the first stage and lower ratio transformers in succeeding stages of amplification, but this is not good practice for the following reason: The least distortion introduced in the first stage is considerably amplified by the following stages, and its effect will be greater in the loud talker than the effect of the distortion introduced in the second or third stage. Therefore, the transformer used in the first stage should have the least distortion and not the most, which would be the case if a high ratio transformer was used.

In Fig. 4 is shown an improvised transformer made up of an iron wire core and two 4½:1 ratio amplifying transformer windings. The primaries and secondaries are connected in series, as shown. This transformer proved exceptionally good; the curve was the same shape as curve C, except that the transformer was not quite as efficient on frequencies below 630; although it was much better than the majority of transformers now on the market. If 3:1 ratio coils were employed, better results would probably be obtained. With only one coil on the iron wire core, the instrument was very poor.

If a small condenser, about .00025 mfd. capacity, is shunted across the secondary terminals of a transformer, it absorbs the higher notes more than the lower ones, and improves transformers which amplify the high notes too much. If a high resistance of about 1 megohm, is connected across the secondary terminals, it absorbs the lower notes, and improves high ratio transformers having curves similar to curve B. But it is better to use good transformers in the first place and not try to improve a poor one with condensers and resistances.

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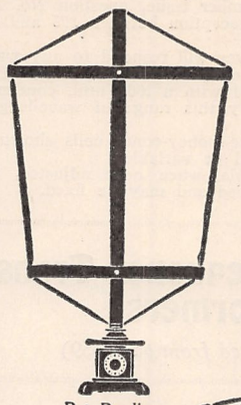

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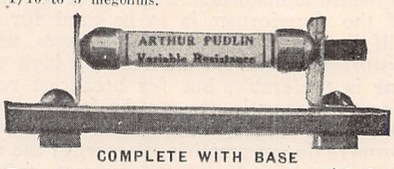

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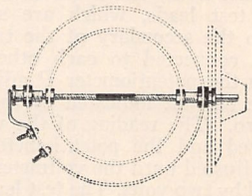

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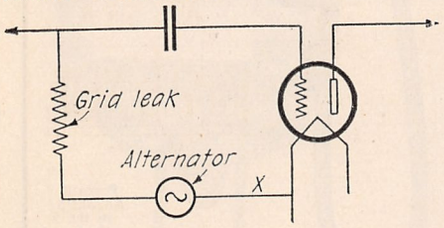

Fig. 2A

Inductor Alternator Placed in Grid Circuit of Oscillator for I. C. W. Transmission.

The alternator described can be used in a number of circuits to modulate the output of an oscillator or bank of oscillators. Two circuits are suggested in Fig. 2. The circuit (A) shows the alternator included in the grid circuit of an oscillator, so that the voltage fluctuations of the alternator are impressed on the grid of the oscillator, causing the oscillations of the latter to be periodically interrupted. A more flexible arrangement is secured, however, by coupling the alternator to the grid circuit of the oscillator, using electro-magnetic coupling so that the oscillations of the generator can be partially or completely modulated, as desired, by varying the coupling between the alternator and oscillator circuits.

The circuit illustrated in Fig. 2, (B), shows how a radiophone transmitter can be used for tone telegraphy. The D.P.D.T. switch connects the microphone or alternator to the primary of the modulation transformer, as desired. In either of the circuits illustrated, the transmitting key can be located in the output circuit of the alternator, as

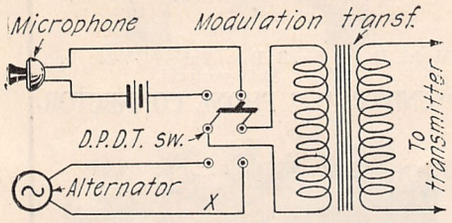

Fig. 2B

Scheme of Connections for Alternator When Used to Modulate Output of Radiophone Transmitter for Telegraphic Purposes. The Transmitting Key May Be Inserted in the Circuit at the Point Marked X in the Diagram.

indicated by the letter X in the diagrams, or it may be placed in the D.C. circuit exciting the field of the alternator. When the alternator is inductively coupled to the grid circuit of an oscillator, or when placed in the grid circuit, the transmitting key can be located in other places in the tube circuits than those associated with the alternator, although in transmitters employing power tubes of high ratings as oscillators considerable care should be used in locating the key. In circuits where a lower power tube is used as an oscillator to excite a bank of power tubes, either circuit illustrated in Fig. 2, can be used, the alternator being coupled to, or included in the circuits of the master oscillator.

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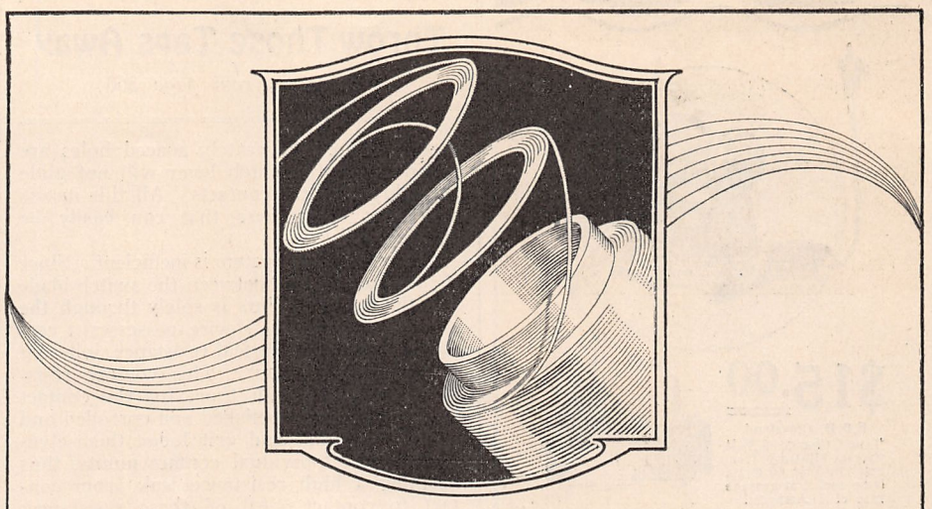

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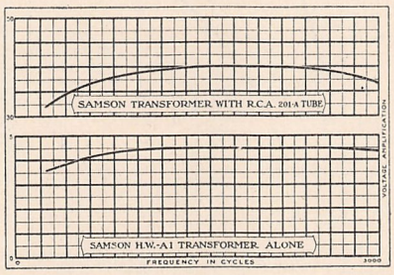

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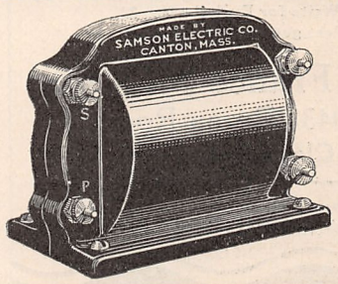

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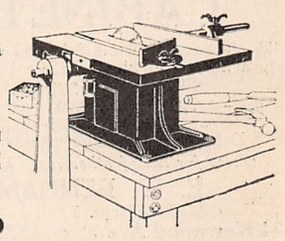

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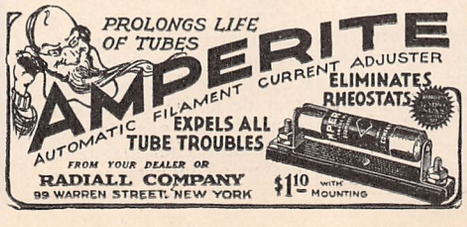

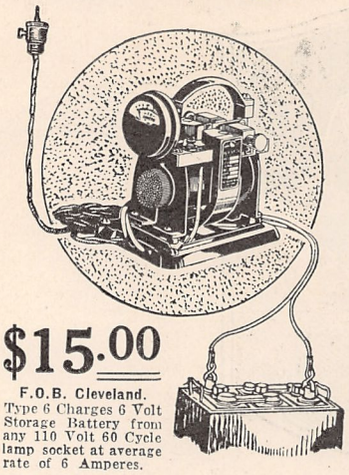

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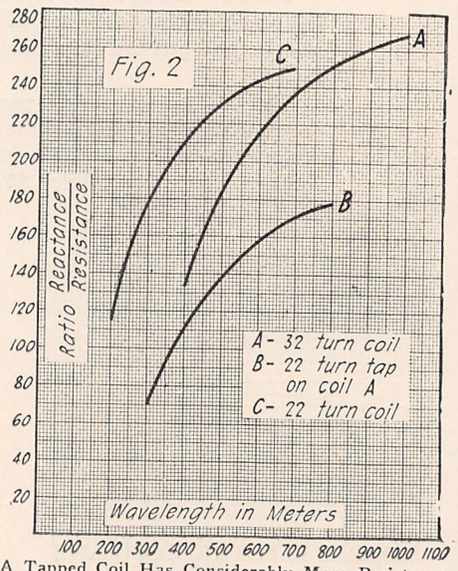
A tapped inductance has one great disadvantage in that the taps increase the effective resistance of the coil. Actual measurements prove this to be true. Fig. 2, drawn from a paper by J. H. Morecroft (Proc. I. R. E., Vol. 10, No. 4, p. 273) gives some interesting data.

It will be seen that for all wave-lengths, the curve corresponding to coil C has the greater ratio of reactance to resistance, or



A Tapped Coil Has Considerably More Resistance Than an Untapped Coil as Can Be Seen from These Curves.

in other words has a lower effective resistance than coil B, which constitutes the first 22 turns on the 32-turn coil A. The resistance of the untapped coil in this particular case is about 40 per cent. less than that of coil B. For a radio circuit, coil C is to be preferred, especially in a receiving circuit where the energy coming in over the antenna is exceedingly minute. If we can offer a low resistance path for the flow of this energy, we have gained just that much. In addition, coil C can tune to a lower wave-length due to the fact that it has no taps on it to add to its distributed capacity.

Let us now take up the untapped coil, some familiar examples of which are the loop antenna, concentrated inductances (honeycomb, duo-lateral), etc. In order to keep a large ratio of inductance to capacity, we must necessarily use a large inductance and a small capacity. This can be accomplished by the proper designing of the coil. As there have been, in the past, several articles in Radio News and other magazines dealing with the design of inductances, we need give but a very bare outline of the

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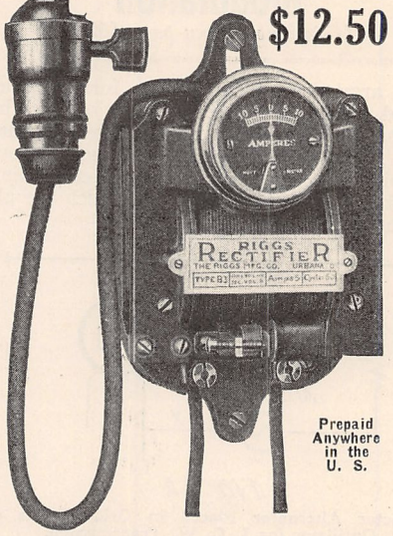

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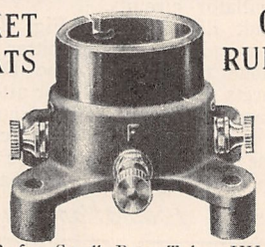

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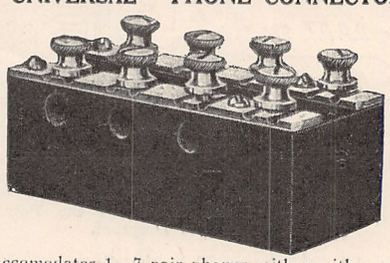

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design requirements. It is hoped that in a future article the necessary details may be presented with a complete example worked out to show the method of procedure.

To cover a given wave-length band, we have limited ourselves to a capacity in shunt with the coil, of only 250 micromicrofarads. Hence our coil with this maximum condenser value must be able to respond to the upper limit of the wave-length band. To get the necessary inductance, the easiest method is to look up the oscillation constant squared (L C value) of the longest wave-length desired. (See Lefax sheets for a table of these values.)

By a very simple algebra step we can solve for L the required inductance. It is understood that for very long waves our capacity may be made as large as 1,000 micromicrofarads without losing our desired ratio of inductance to capacity. It is now necessary to see if this combination of inductance and capacity just obtained will respond to the lowest desired wave-length. Here an assumption will have to be made for the minimum value of the condenser, which we may take to be about 15 micromicrofarads for a 23-plate condenser and about 20 micromicrofarads for a 43-plate condenser. Knowing our inductance value from the previous calculation, we take the product of its value and that of the assumed capacity and look up the table for the resonant frequency and wave-length. We now have the wave-length band that our particular coil and condenser will be able to cover.

In calculating an inductance that is to be used in the antenna circuit, the capacity of the antenna must be taken into account. For the average amateur aerial the value of the antenna capacity is taken as 250 micromicrofarads. For loop calculation the reader is advised to consult the Bureau of Standard's Bulletin No. 74 on the inductance of loops.

To sum up the advantages of the untapped coil-condenser method of wave-length control:

1. No extra control is introduced into the circuit. The condsenser is merely used in place of the switch and taps. Furthermore, with a vernier adjustment on the condenser, the tuning is infinitely finer than that obtained by means of units and tens taps.
2. Just as broad a band of wave-lengths may be covered with the condenser as with taps off the coil. Furthermore. there are no "dead-end" effects in the coil since the entire inductance is in use all the time.
3. It is better than a variometer control, as there is no steep rise of resistance as the minimum resonance point is approached, such as is the case when the variometer is in the position where its rotor winding is in opposition to the stator winding.
4. The design is not difficult and with a little patience the essential points may be mastered by even the novice.

A Single Tube Reflex Receiver

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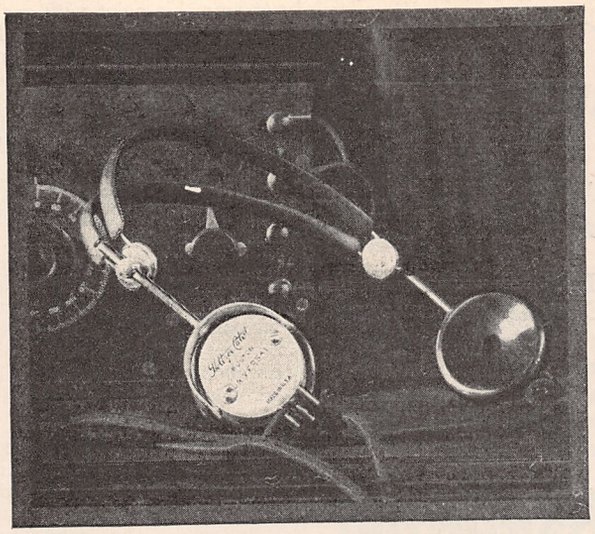
as tight as possible. Then the coils can be gradually separated and the primary condenser slowly turned toward zero, to increase the volume of output (up to a certain point) and to sharpen the tuning.

Only a good rheostat capable of vernier adjustment should be used with a reflex set, because the filament is very critical. The tube must be kept just below the oscillation point for best results. To reach and yet



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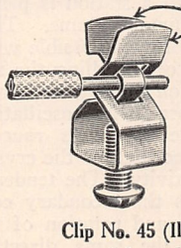

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The fixed condensers are very important, since they by-pass the radio-frequency impulses and so permit dual amplification with one tube—first at radio and then at audio frequency. The condenser between the ground side of the secondary inductance and the positive terminal of the tube is not absolutely necessary, but it materially increases the volume of output.

Special care must be used, in hooking up a reflex set, to connect the audio-frequency transformer as shown. Because many diagrams do not letter the terminals of this transformer, it is easily possible to have it so connected as to be inoperative, the circuit then functioning as a tube detector, without reflex action.

Those who wish to use a variocoupler instead of honeycomb coils may dispense with a primary condenser if the stationary coil is tapped for single-turn variation and has sufficient wire to reach all broadcasting waves.

Even more than with other types of receivers, short battery leads are very desirable with the reflex. These are best obtained by placing the "A" and "B" batteries directly back of the set, or in a drawer or on a shelf just under it.

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Even those unfamiliar with tuning a receiving set should have no great difficulty with the single-tube reflex if properly constructed. First make sure that catwhisker and crystal are in contact, then turn up the filament and vary coupling and condenser and crystal settings until a station is picked up and tuned to maximum volume. Then advance the rheostat as far as possible without "spilling" the tube or muddling the signals. Usually, distortion is not noticeable until the tube actually breaks into oscillation.

If, while tuning, the set emits raucous sounds, the filament is too high or the crystal is not adjusted to sensitivity. The tendency to oscillate increases as the secondary condenser approaches zero, and rotation of the primary condenser in the same direction sometimes produces this effect. Very careful adjustment and readjustment of all controls will be amply repaid in volume and quality of output. With each variation in filament current a slight change in the secondary condenser setting is necessary.

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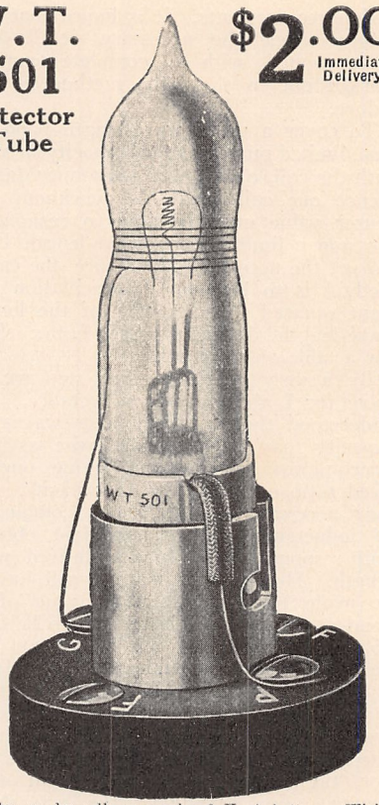

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Some may object to the crystal detector, but slight difficulty in adjusting it at times is more than compensated for by the quality of output. Also, it is less expensive than a tube detector, and lasts indefinitely.

Design of an Audibility Meter

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In this way each half of the winding will be wound in opposite directions to the other.

The resistance values are so selected as to balance a 36,000-ohm headset, which in the author's case was found when 1,000 cycles were used. It is improbable that ordinary receivers will go much higher than this value. In all events the resistances that are selected for use with the five-point switch, to compensate for changes in receiver impedance with frequency, should be so chosen that the total resistance in the receiver circuit is 36,000 ohms. More than five points may of course be used on the switch if greater accuracy is desired, or if the receiver impedance changes rapidly with frequency.

Should the use of the frequency compensation switch seem unwarranted, it can be omitted, but the correction factor for various frequencies must be computed from the formula, for each of the 34 switch points. These factors can be plotted or tabulated for ready reference.

CHART 8

Tap	Amp. Factor	Res.	Tap	Amp. Factor	Res.
			18	100	78
2	2.5	12000	19	120	60
3	4	12000	20	150	60
4	5	3000	21	200	60
5	6	1800	22	250	36
6	7	1200	23	300	24
7	8	865	24	400	30
8	10	1040	25	500	18
9	13	1000	26	600	12
10	16	600	27	800	15
11	20	510	28	1000	9
12	25	390	29	1500	12
13	30	255	30	2000	6
14	40	325	31	3000	6
15	50	180	32	4000	3
16	60	124	33	5000	2
17	80	155	34	∝	7.5

A Chart Giving the Audibility Factor for Each Tap on the Switch of the One Described.

Chart 8 shown above gives the values representing the audibility factor for each tap on the switch, together with the value of the resistance unit connected between that tap and the preceding one, as in Fig. 3. Fig. 4 gives the values of the resistances connected to the first eight taps of the inner arc of the main switch. These eight points should be in alignment radially with the first eight taps of the main switch outer arc.

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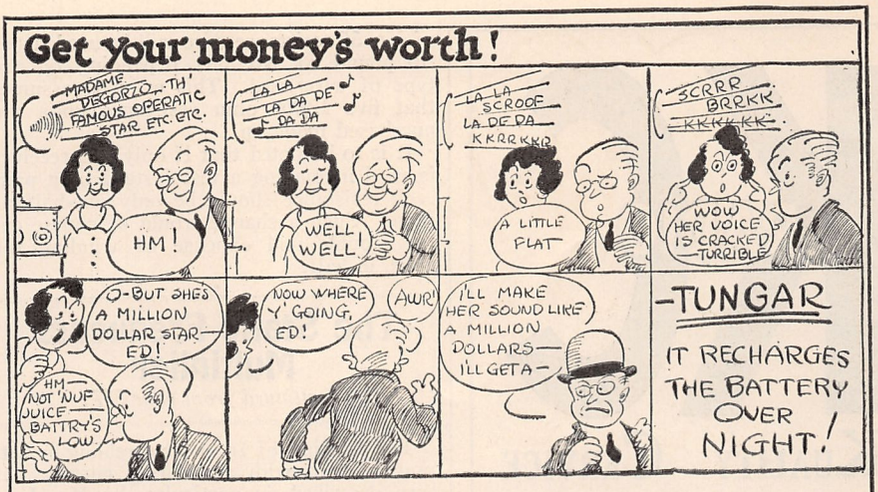

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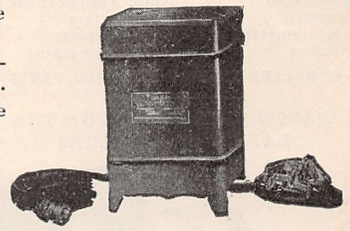

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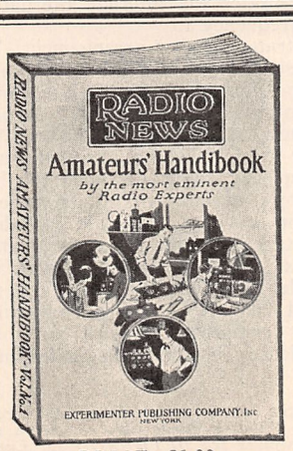

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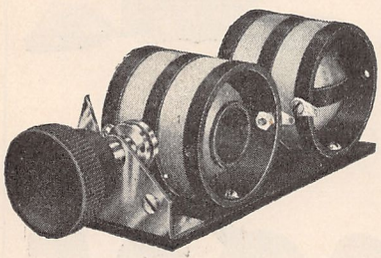

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The Static Frequency Multiplier

(*Continued from page* 557)

The principle of frequency trebling by saturation even with alternating current has been described, in particular, by Mr. Joly. For that matter, the third harmonic very often occurs in ordinary power transformers.

In order to make this harmonic manifest itself under efficient conditions, particular connections were resorted to and different diagrams tried out.

In Fig. 2, the alternator 1 of frequency f outputs through a compensating condenser 2 onto a network comprising: the multiplier 3 made up of a magnetic core inductance coil, a condenser 4 approximately balancing the inductive reactance of the multiplier at frequency f, the rejector 5 barring the sought harmonic of f, and the variable condenser 6. In shunt to the multiplier 3 and its compensating condenser 4 are branched the resonant shunts 8, 9 and 10 for the different harmonics to which the multiplier gives rise. A load resistance, such as 11 shown in the third harmonic shunt of Fig. 2, is inserted in the circuit of that harmonic from which it is desired to draw power. The resonant shunts for the higher frequencies may be real short-circuits for currents of those frequencies. The condenser inserted in the sought or useful harmonic shunt is adjusted so as to allow of maximum power output.

In order to accelerate the starting of the system, i.e., to rapidly obtain the strong current régime of the ferro-resonant system constituted by the circuit described*, means are provided whereby the number of turns on the multiplier 3 may be decreased at the starting and then gradually brought up to its operating value. In fact, the strong current régime necessitates, for its stable operation, that the condenser 6 have a value lower than that which would exactly produce resonance. Under these conditions, the system just described will take a leading current. In order to compensate this effect, a variable inductance 7 taking a lagging current is branched in shunt to the system. Thus, it occurs that the alternator output current is less than that which traverses the multiplier. In any case, it is possible to adjust the condenser 2 and the value of its capacity may be different than that which exactly compensates the internal alternator reactance at frequency f.

Fig. 3 illustrates another arrangement. In this latter case, the alternator outputs onto the multiplier 3 and the rejector 5 without the insertion of any condenser so as to avoid any unstableness of operation. In shunt to the multiplier are branched a series of fundamental frequency rejectors tuned to the harmonies by means of inductances. The useful or working harmonic includes a load resistance 11 in its circuit and the latter is adjusted in a particular manner. Under these conditions, the system just described takes a lagging current and this effect is compensated by a variable shunting condenser 7 which takes a leading current.

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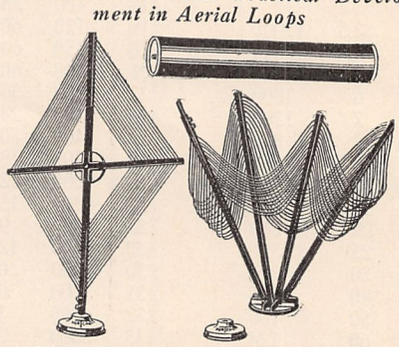

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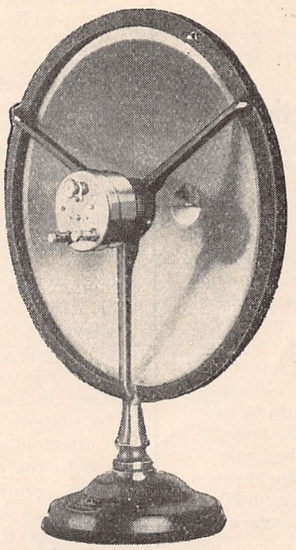

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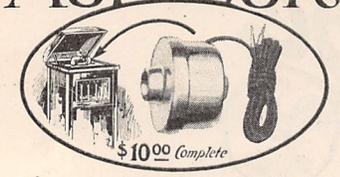

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tap on the antenna coil we do two things. We alter the number or turns in the primary of the plate-antenna transformer, and thus alter the ratio and help to adapt the antenna to the tube for maximum output, and at the same time we are tuning the antenna circuit to the wave-length of transmission.

For amateur work the following constants have been found to be most suitable. Inasmuch as the actual output current is not very great on such low power equipment it is perfectly good practice to use solid wire. If Litzendraht wire is handy so much the better, copper ribbon may likewise be used, though it is not essential and is more expensive and therefore better left for the higher power sets. Any size wire from No. 14 to No. 18 D.C.C. will be suitable for these coils, in fact annunciator wire will do very well. The antenna coil should be wound on an insulating form, hard rubber, formica or bakelite will do very well, the actual insulating material used depending upon the state of your finances and how fine you want your set to look, using 5" to 6" diameter tubes (5½" will do very nicely) with 1/16 walls. Twenty-five turns of wire are all that are needed, tapped every two turns, so that a fairly fine adjustment of the wave length will be possible.

The plate coil should be wound on a similar insulating form having a diameter of about 4½" to 5", and wound with 50 turns of bell wire. This coil is coupled to the antenna coil and the coupling should be variable. By varying the coupling of plate coil to antenna coil we have a means of varying the mutual inductance between them which in effect is a means of adapting the antenna load to the resistance of the tube.

The coupling of the plate coil to the antenna may be accomplished in a number of ways, but the following two will be found to be both simple and effective. The first method is that shown in Fig. 2, in which the plate coil slides inside the antenna coil. The antenna coil is mounted on two very simple pieces of wood cut in the shape illustrated herewith, and the taps brought out on a terminal block which is preferably made of the same material as the tube. The plate coil has two end blocks of wood W fastened to the coil ends and a rod screwed in to the end of which an inexpensive knob is fastened. Coupling changes are made by sliding the plate coil in and out of the antenna coil by means of the knob. The alternative arrangement suggested is to wind the plate coil on a form somewhat similar to a variometer rotor, with regular shaft, as in Fig. 3. Coupling between plate and antenna may then be varied by rotating the plate coil inside of the antenna coil.

The other constants of the set, referring back to Fig. 1, are as follows: The antenna series condenser, Ca, is 0.0003 microfarads, while the grid condenser Cg is 0.002 microfarads capacity. These should be insulated with mica and need not be variable. The grid leak Rg is 5000 ohms, and in the experimental set-up here used a Ward Leonard unit was employed. It is preferable to use straight wire wound resistance units to any other type. Across the source of plate voltage supply a high capacity should be used to by-pass any radio frequency which may flow that way, and especially in the case of a generator, this should be used to smooth out any commutator hum which may be present. A good value to employ is about 1 microfarad, and for voltages up to 500 volts the Western Electric No. 21A or similar condensers are quite good.

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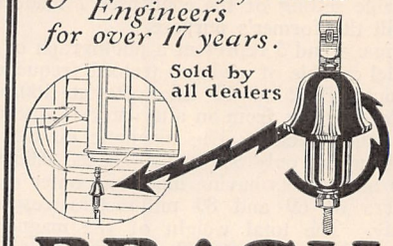

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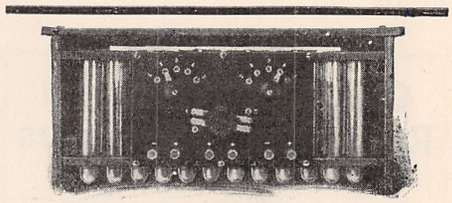

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the reading on the antenna ammeter. If possible an ammeter should be used for tuning, but if this is not available, use a small lamp and use the brilliancy of the light as an indication of resonance. Note reading of the ammeter or brilliancy of lamp at the best setting. Now move antenna tap to the next one either above or below last one and again vary coupling until best results are obtained. Do this until you secure maximum radiation current at your required wave-length. It is often desirable to use meters wherever possible. It is often found that a larger plate current, at a particular adjustment, will give a high antenna current, as opposed to a slightly smaller antenna current and lower plate current at another adjustment. The larger antenna current is not necessarily the best operating point, for the efficiency may be much smaller than at the slightly lower radiation. The amateur should watch out for this.

The most important meters to use are: (1) a radiation ammeter in the antenna for indicating when resonance or maximum radiation is had, (2) always use a filament voltmeter in preference to an ammeter and keep the voltage constant as this will insure maximum life for your tubes, and (3) a plate milliammeter.

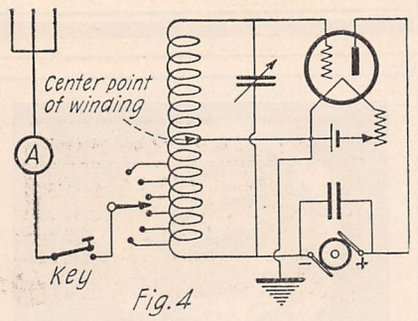

Fig. 4

A Practical Circuit for a Low-Power C.W. Transmitter.

For those who desire to experiment around a bit before deciding on a particular circuit, the one shown in Fig. 4 is suggested as worthy of a trial. It is a very simple one and requires little apparatus. A single coil is used wound on a 4" form, and has about 40 to 50 turns of annunciator wire. Half of this coil, it will be observed, is the antenna coil, while the other half is the grid coil. The antenna coil is part of the plate coil, hence the plate coil is tapped every two or three turns. A variable condenser, having a maximum capacity of 0.0005 to 0.0007 microfarads is used across the ends of the coil. The key may be placed directly in the antenna circuit. No grid leak or condenser is used. As in the other circuit the plate source of supply should be shunted by a by-pass condenser.

The above two circuits will do pretty well for a start on low power sets and working around with them will teach the amateur considerably more than he can learn by reading solely. In the next article the subject of higher power oscillating circuits will be dealt with together with the question of securing power supply by rectification of alternating currents.

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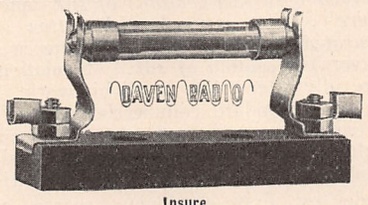

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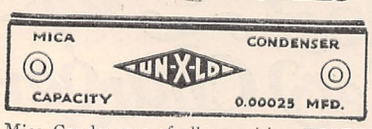

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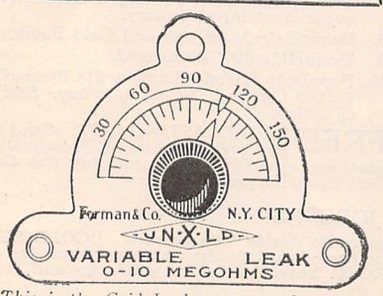

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High Frequency Resistance

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Hence in desert regions the average humidity is, say, 25 per cent, showing that the atmosphere has much less water than required to saturate it; or during a dense fog, a humidity of 96 per cent shows that the air is nearly saturated.

Normal room temperatures average about 65 per cent as, say a reading where temperature of 38° F. shows 2 grams of water per cubic foot of air; or 42.5 per cent at 72° F., at which temperature this humidity results for 4.45 grams of water per cubic foot of air. The relative humidity depends upon the temperature: the pressure has nothing to do with it. Hence we find that with different temperatures from day to day we have different quantities of water present in the air we breathe, and it is a logical conclusion that materials having an affinity for moisture are greatly affected by changes of humidity of the atmosphere, and insulating properties of substances are changed to a considerable extent because of it. This is true of inductor coils having fibre insulation and insulation generally, and before investigating a coil's actual behavior, we will examine the composition of insulation coverings of cotton, silk and enamel.

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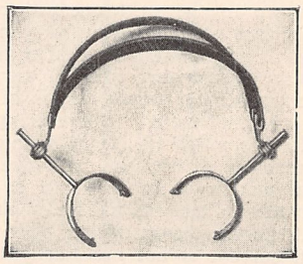

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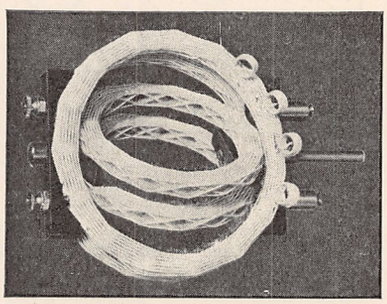

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opposite direction, placed over this produces a "double" cotton covering of considerable thickness.

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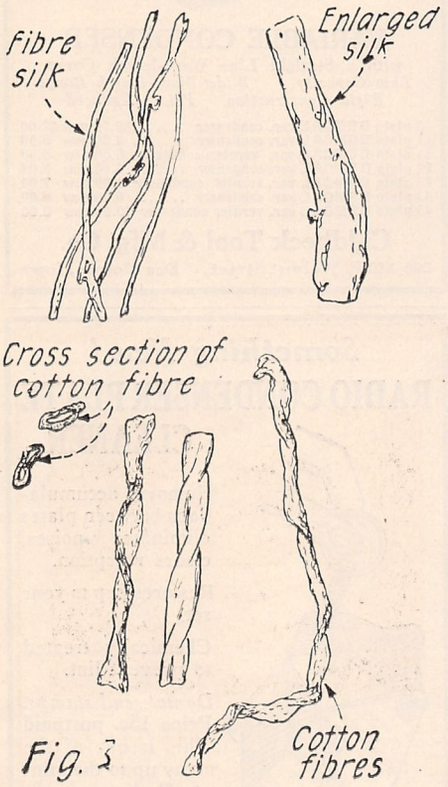

A Microscopic Sketch of Cotton and Silk Fibres Showing Their Formation. Note That the Cotton Fibres Are Hollow.

Numerous samples of cotton and silk were removed from new wires used in the construction of the coils tested. These samples of fibre were shredded and single strands and fibres selected for microscopic study. The influence of moisture was carefully observed; also their structure by suspending upon a drop of cedar oil. Cotton fibres, being short and less regular, seem to be rapidly wetted by moisture, and long fibres placed in dyed liquids are wetted thoroughly after about one hour, taking water into their interior through breaks in the cell wall or by the common process of osmosis. After several hours the process stops; and when so wetted, the fibre gives up its moisture very slowly, requiring 10 hours or more for the suspended dye to begin depositing on the cell wall's interior surface. Heating slightly or circulating of air over them hastens evaporation from the saturated fibre.

Although cotton fibres are never actually submerged when employed in insulation, there are periods when water is actually deposited upon the coil surface as is the case when a sudden change of temperature takes place. The coil being cold, coming into contact with warmer air, chills the atmosphere near the surface, causing it to drop moisture there. This is rapidly absorbed by cotton, and through capillarity spreads throughout the winding's insulation. Hence moisture is

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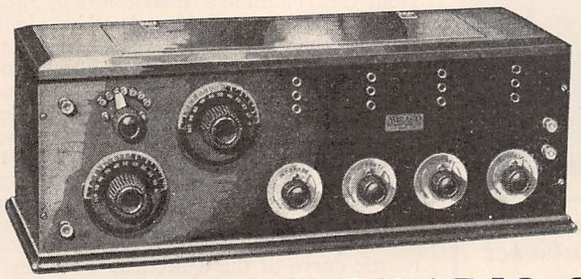

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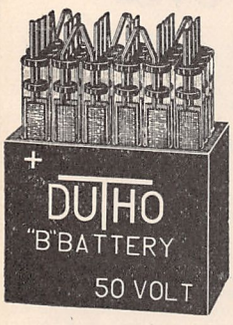

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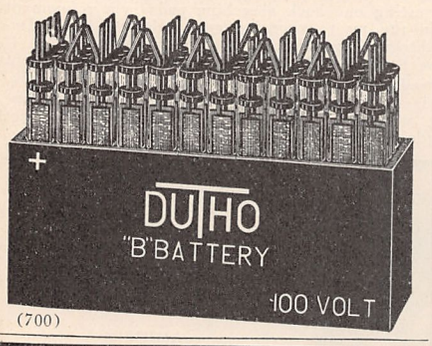

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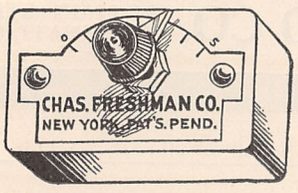

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RESISTANCE OF COTTON AND SILK

To obtain some idea of resistance of cotton and silk, the following experiments were performed. The actual resistance of samples was to be measured for comparison of these elements, hence all samples and mountings were of identical dimensions and were subjected to the same hygrometric conditions. As the resistances were above one million ohms, the loss of charge method was employed. The arrangement of apparatus was as shown in Fig. 4 A. C is a standard condenser having very low leakage: silver plating on selected mica, capacity 0.5 mfd. The galvanometer is a very sensitive one having ballistic coil system; K is a highly insulated key. The resistance to be measured

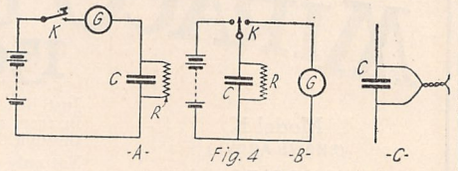
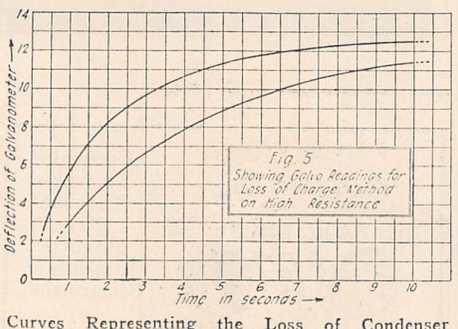


Fig. 4

Arrangements Used to Determine the Resistance of Cotton and Silk Strands.

is shunted across the condenser C as R in the figure. The procedure was to first close the K for a period of exactly 10 seconds; it is then opened quickly and the condenser allowed to leak for t seconds, after which the key K is quickly closed, giving a second elongation in galvo G. The first deflection is due to the quantity of energy required to raise the potential of the condenser to that of the battery; the second deflection is due to the quantity of energy required to raise the voltage to its previous value. Evidently the charge required is that which has leaked through resistance R. By entering the deflections and time into the formula derived from the condenser's time constant, resistance of R is obtained. Another similar method is shown in Fig. 4B, where the deflection due to the discharge of C through G after O seconds is noted. Then the condenser is again charged and allowed to leak for t seconds, then discharged again through G giving the second deflection due to the quantity remaining in C after t seconds. The key was hand operated necessarily, and the time was measured with a seconds pendulum which operated a buzzer. A characteristic curve of the deflections with time is shown in Fig. 5, which is for the first method in which curve A is for higher resistance than B.



Curves Representing the Loss of Condenser Charge Through High Resistances.

Several mica strips were cut from especially selected mica, the strips being 5 cm long, 1 cm width and 0.038 millimeter thickness. A single layer of pure untreated cotton, silk, and 18 oz. canvas was folded over the strip and secured by clamps of burnished amalgamated copper to which short leads

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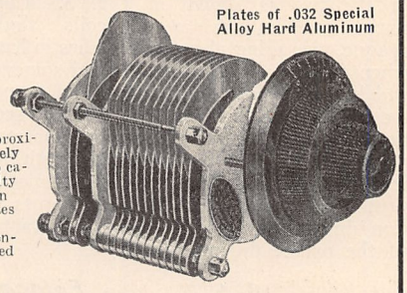

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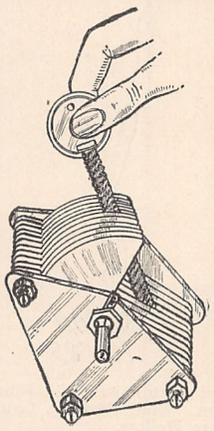

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had been attached, Fig. 6. The samples were allowed to remain exposed for several hours at various room temperatures and humidities in order to acquire their resistance in a natural way. The samples were then removed to the measuring circuit and deflection curves run off with the pendulum counts, these being for several humidities: then each was dipped into an insulating varnish known as Radio Cement after having been first dried thoroughly. The last resistance results from the exclusion of moisture and better insulation due to the varnish. The resistances given represent conductance between opposite sides of one square centimeter of the material.

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It seems that such fibre insulation resistance may vary 20 per cent or more when exposed to the elements, and that protection by insulating substances increases its previous best resistance 30 per cent or more, remaining practically constant thereafter.

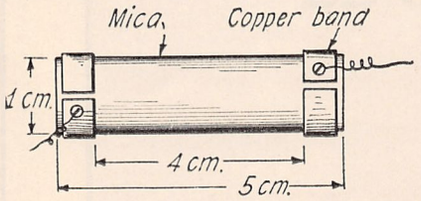

Fig. 6

The Samples of Silk and Cotton to be Tested Were Fixed on Such Strips of Mica.

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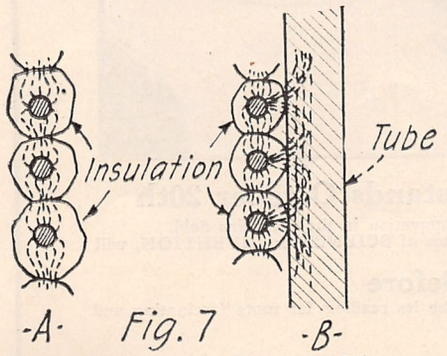

Fig. 7

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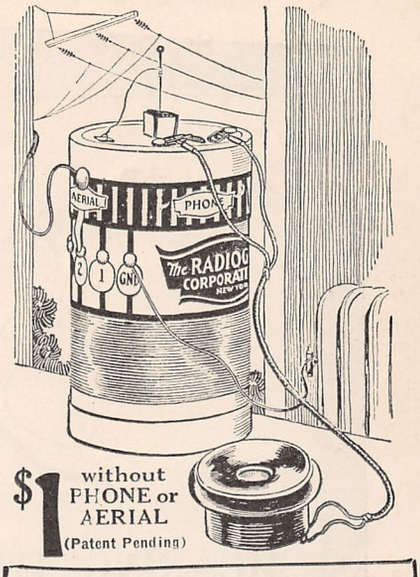

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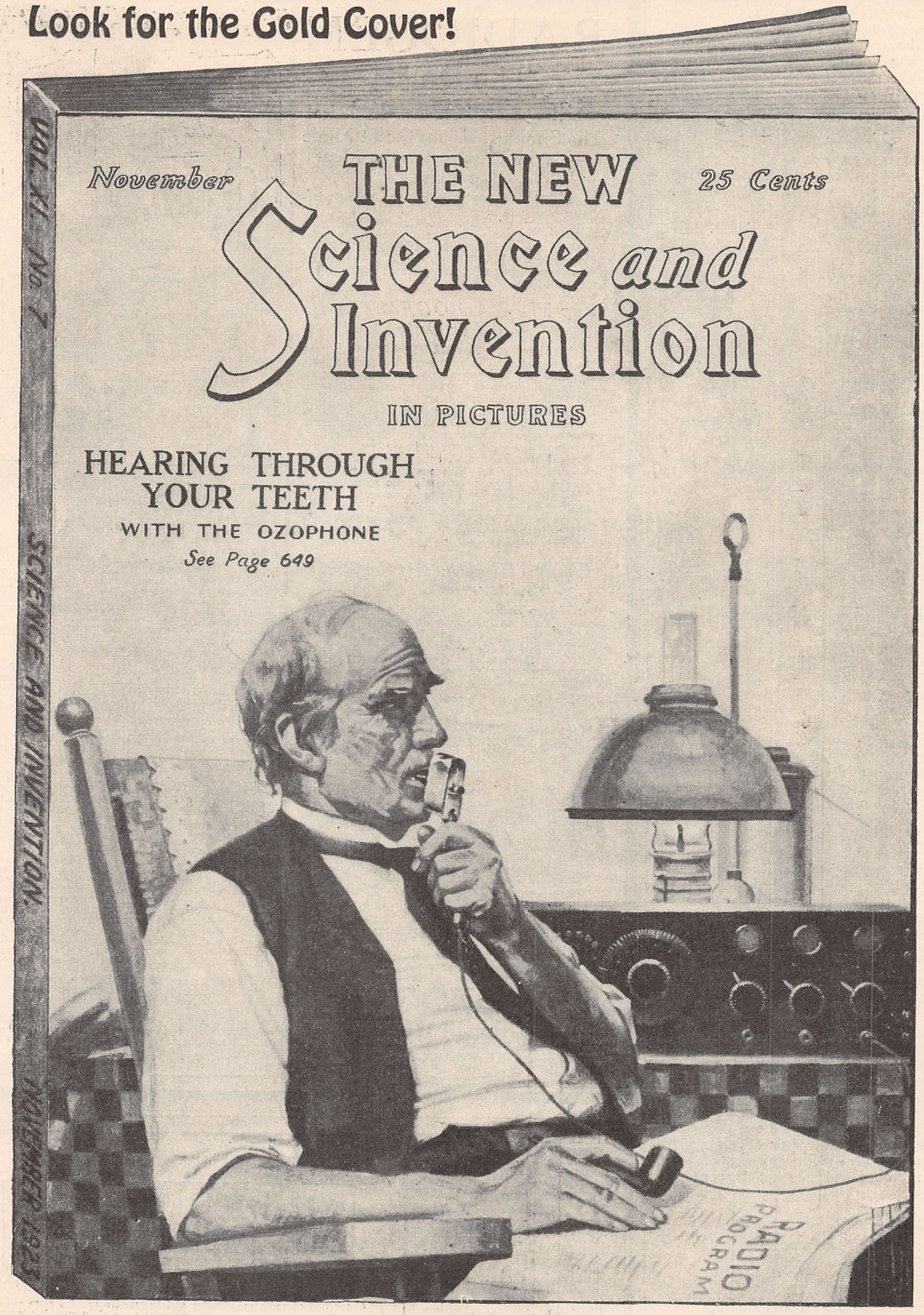

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To determine leakage through untreated tubes as in Fig. 7B some coils of 21 turns each were wound on pasteboard tubing 13.2 cm. diameter. The center turn was cut to isolate the coil into two half sections according to the theorem of potential nodes. These half sections measured as in Fig. 4C gave 15.31 megohms through the cotton and pasteboard tubing. Varnishing increased it to 26.59 megohms. An identical winding of No. 23 wire on a tube previously varnished with shellac gave 6.62 megohms, and after varnishing the coil, became 42.55 megohms. Another untreated pasteboard tube having 21 turns of No. 26 enameled copper gave 1,199.2 megohms which was not improved by varnish, which shows that enameled insulation is itself a good insulator preventing leakage. Changes in enameled coils may be due to dielectric losses more than to actual leakage. Hence from these tests we find appreciable leakage through the tube.

The reader is reminded that the potentials of an inductor coil are greatest between the extremities if the coil's position is within a reasonably uniform field, but there is also a potential of considerable magnitude between any two points of the coils copper so long as they are not at right angles to the current axis. If we assume a uniform distribution of potential the center of the winding will be of zero *potential node* at which point the current has maximum value. However, the two half windings do not have similar potentials over their length due to the dynamic current induction, so that assuming normal potential distribution, we find the leakage between turns at high voltages is appreciable.

To show the effect of humidity upon resistance at high frequency, it is important that every other dimension be constant, hence its geometry, position in the test circuit, and frequency, were fixed and carefully checked. Moreover the humidities were to be natural and the coils allowed to acquire their characteristics in a natural way. The highly variable humidities were possible at that time of year, thanks to Valparaiso's varigated climate. Lower humidities could be artificially produced by setting coil in a chamber containing calcium chloride or a dish of sulphuric acid and pumice. The lowest humidity possible was 17 per cent, the highest 97 per cent. Humidities and quantity of water in air, temperature, etc., were read from a standard Lloyd's Hygrodeik made by Taylor.

Two coils of No. 23 D.C.C. copper were wound on treated pasteboard tubes 13.2 cm. diameter; coil A is 41 cm. long having 488 turns; coil B is 19.9 cm. long having 231 turns. The measuring circuit used for this

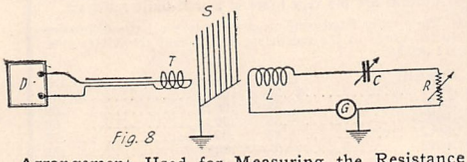
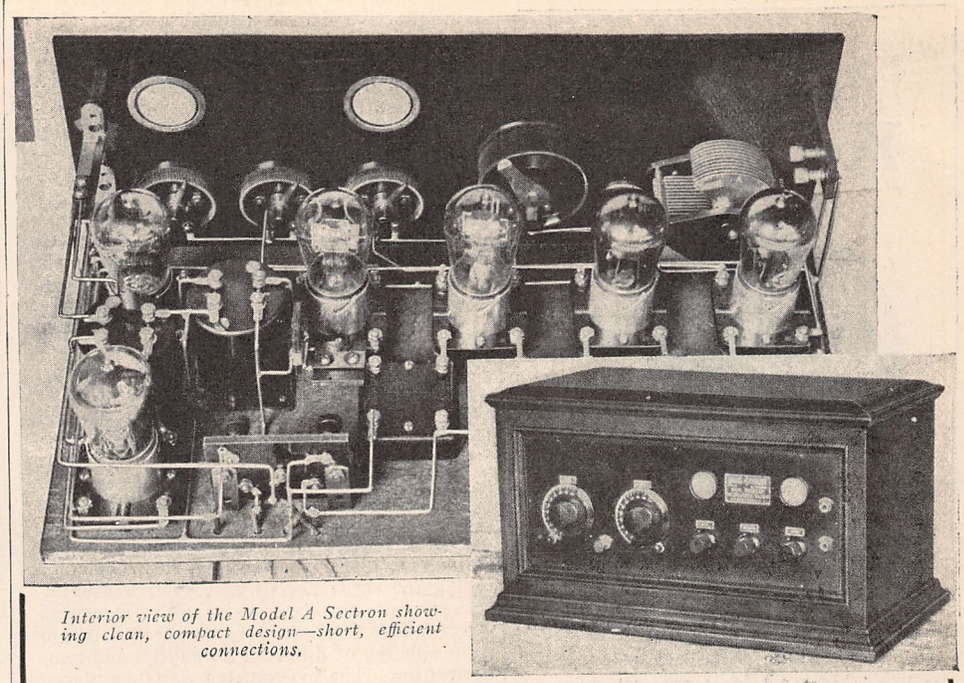


Fig. 8

Arrangement Used for Measuring the Resistance of a Coil of Wire.

and following experiments is sketched in Fig. 8 where O is a calibrated 102-watt oscillator giving continuous frequencies of 100 to 2,000 kilocycles. T is a small Litz coil of six turns coupled to the oscillator which is placed several feet distant. S is a static shielding screen—a frame 18 inches square having a fine grid of copper wire one-eighth inch apart, the upper ends are free, the lower ends being joined and grounded. The coil to be measured is at L. C is a standard variable condenser of known resistance; R a



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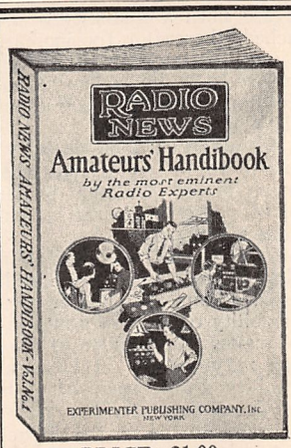

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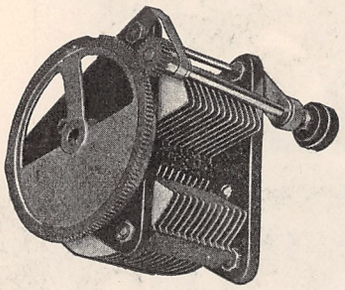

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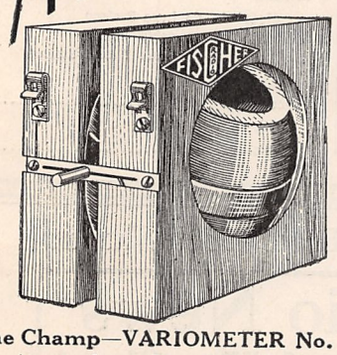

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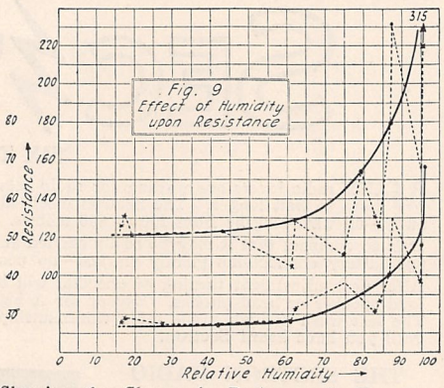
Fig. 9 shows the variation of coils A and B; each successive humidity is connected by the dotted lines; the small crosses show resistances for exposures of six hours or less; solid points show values for exposures



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for 12 to 14 hours. Evidently within several hours the resistance is quite erratic, but it seems to increase very uniformly after 12-hour exposures, and that about eight hours are required for the moisture to thoroughly penetrate the winding. Also some time is first required for temperature adjustment of the coil during which the resistance may be very erratic, for on removing coils from one room to another, unsteady effects are present until the coil adopts the room temperature. The curves show little increase until a humidity of 60 per cent is reached, thereafter the increase is considerable until 90 per cent saturation is present at which coil A had increased from 121 to 195 ohms, becoming 315 ohms at 96 per cent! Coil B increased from 27 to 44 ohms at 90 per cent, then 68 at 96 per cent—all due to the effect of moisture.

Silk being much better insulation shows no change until 85 per cent saturation, but its resistance falls rapidly thereafter.

The previous history of the coil insulation governs somewhat the rate of variation with humidity. It also is an important factor governing the penetrability of varnishes into insulation, which makes the change of distributed capacity vary greatly in identical coils. Penetrability of varnishes is greater in some places than at other areas, and since any change is due to the inductivity of the dielectric inserted, the percentage increase varies greatly in coils of identical geometry presumably due to the vari-

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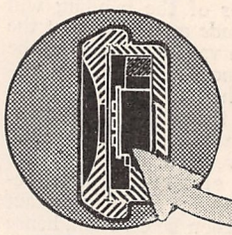

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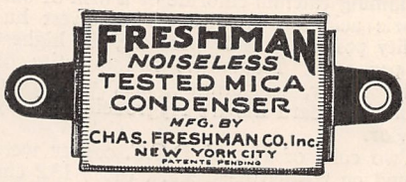

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able absorbing properties of cotton and silk. Some varnishes fill the insulation very quickly leaving much space open between turns, where other varnishes have low penetrative power and merely fill in around the wire, closing up open spaces but scarcely entering the insulation. By a pressure system of coil impregnation the characteristics become more uniform, particularly multi-layer coils which are very slow to acquire moisture and likewise reluctant to give it up due to the comparatively small exposed surface. The exact effect upon distributed capacity will be recalled later in a companion section.

There is great variation of humidity in almost any room or place if it is not enclosed. It may vary considerably within a few minutes and any equipment provided with untreated coils may suffer changes which may interfere with its efficiency. The writer recalls instances where the apparatus was covered with moisture which dripped off the panels to the floor as the vessel moved suddenly from one ocean current into another, which occurs frequently on ocean-going ships. The coil should be reasonably dry before applying the varnish. The following experiments were performed to obtain some idea of the resistance of insulating varnishes when dried. As before it was decided that a large variety of coils of different dimensions and type were advisable, and thirty-two were made especially for these tests. Several standard insulating compounds were to be used, and manufacturers entering their products especially for these tests were General Bakelite Co., Perth Amboy, N. J., "Bakelite"; Redmanol Products Corp., Chicago, "Redmanol"; Mica Insulator Co. and Barrett Co., Chicago, "Shellac"; Wilbur Mfg. Co., Duluth, "Radio Cement." These well known products are all standard and obtainable for radio purposes. Paraffin with different compounds of bees wax and resin were also employed. The characteristics of these products were studied and measured before application to the coils.

RESISTANCE OF DRIED VARNISHES

The loss of charge method of Fig. 4A was again employed to determine resistances of dried varnishes. A dozen strips of specially prepared mica were cut as before in Fig. 6, the end clamps of copper being amalgamated and fixed directly to the mica. These strips were thoroughly oven dried and measured; their average resistance, for the ten selected, was 362,400 megohms. Then the strips were dipped into the different compounds which had been previously reduced to the same liquid viscidity—then they were hung horizontally and dried naturally for 72 hours. Measurements were made and the resistance for each was computed for one square centimeter of the varnish film. The strips being 4 centimeters gave a better average than by making them very short as the varnish's tendency is to *bunch* on short samples.

The following are resistances across 1 centimeter square of the material:

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Radio Cement, Wilbur's, air dried 72 hours, 15,840 megohms.
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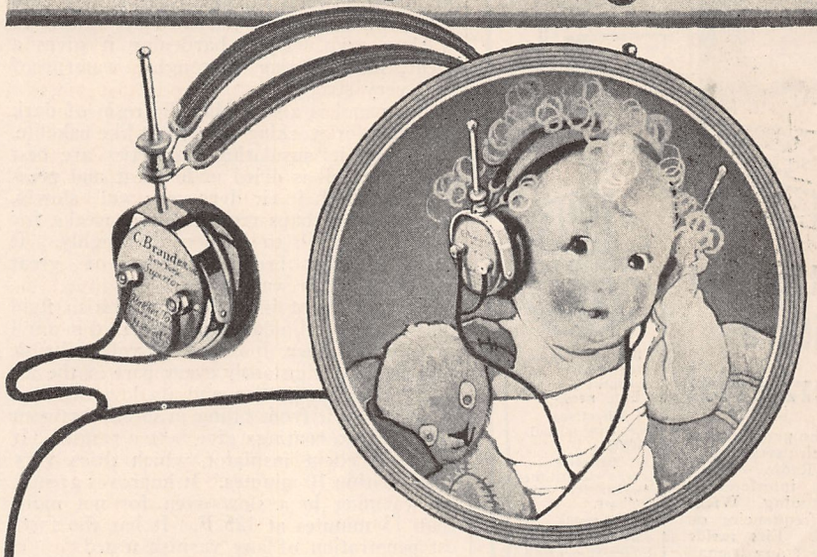

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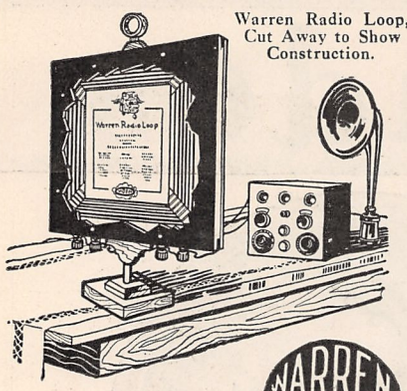

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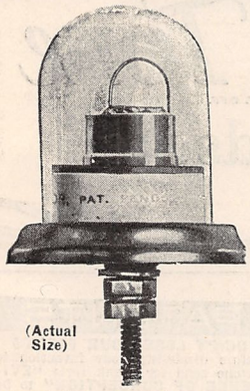
(*See upper chart on page* 551)

We have shown how resistance of inductors is improved by the exclusion of moisture. The following and final experiment was performed to show actual proofs of such improvement. The first four coils listed were made of identical dimensions and turns to show the comparative influences of different compounds. Other coils following were made up to show what gain to expect. Actual curves are shown in Fig. 12 where solid lines show the coil resistance before varnishing; the dotted lines the result after insulating them.



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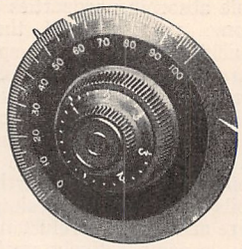

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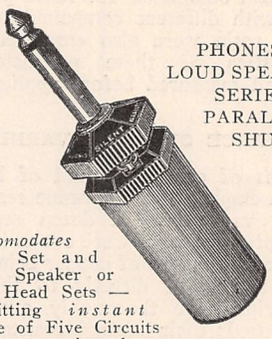

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In conclusion we find resistances of coils as ordinarily used in radio circuits may permit leakage, which loss varies greatly from time to time. This is characteristic of many radio sets equipped with exposed windings of cotton and silk. Coil impregnation in any case, reduces the high frequency resistance 5 to 25 per cent, thus improving the power-factor of the unit. Several insulating com-

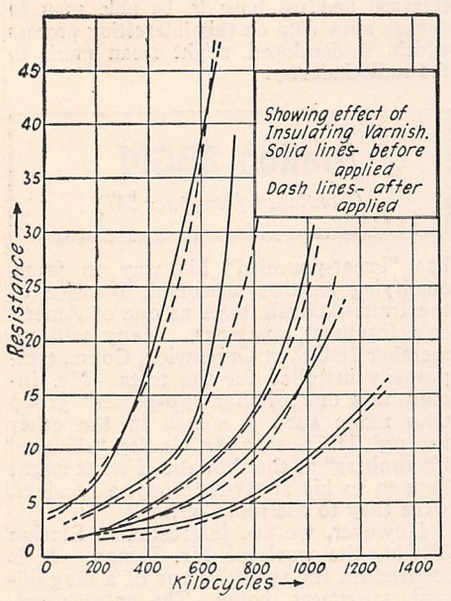

Fig. 12. The Resistance of a Coil is Usually Decreased by the Application of Insulating Varnish.

pounds have been examined and described, especially those showing good electrical properties. The affects upon resistance of leads, taps, dead ends, coupling and distributed capacity may appear at another time.

I trust that these data prepared expressly for RADIO NEWS may show to the reader many exact characteristics which may have been unexplained before and possibly the reader may have acquired a better insight to this evasive but important subject.

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The problem of amplification and relaying has been solved, thanks to the vacuum tube, which is undoubtedly a wonderful device. However, scientists are still working toward simplification and especially in Europe a great deal of research work has been done to advance Radio a step further. Mr. Y. Neinhold, a German engineer, recently patented a new system of amplification which will probably prove to be a great improvement in audio-frequency amplification. The device used, instead of the vacuum tubes, is a somewhat similar apparatus having three electrodes and filled with a colloidal solution.

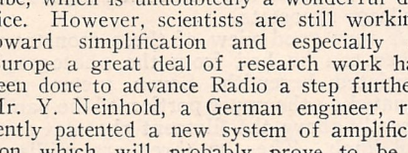

Fig. 1

The Arrangement of the Electrodes in the Colloidal Solution is Similar to the Disposition of Those in a Triode.

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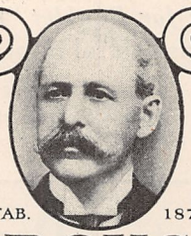

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There is open an interesting field for research and we hope to be able soon to publish more data on this interesting process which, if developed, might mean much to the radio industry.

Station 2BGM

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has "brass-pounded" his way to fame, qualifying on that memorable occasion of the trans-Atlantic tests as one of America's foremost amateurs. Many will remember 1BCG, at Greenwich, Conn., temporarily installed for the tests. Mr. Inman was one of that "go-getter" group who made such a splash in the ether through 1BCG that Mr. Godley "shivered his timbers" at the thought of what might happen to his super-heterodyne receiver, were they to use more power.

However, we are interested in Station 2BGM, the work of Mr. Inman. It is located on the twelfth floor of a magnificent apartment house. The antenna system is composed of a four-wire cage aerial, 75′ long and 70′ above the ground. A four-wire cage lead-in runs directly to a large lightning switch and thence to an aerial change-over switch. The aerial is clear of any large structures, and is fastened to the top of the elevator shaft of an adjacent apartment house. The ground includes the steam and water-pipes of the apartment, the fire-escape and a lightning ground which consists of a No. 4 solid copper wire, running down to a large surface connection made to earth. The most noticeable part of Station 2BGM is the transmitter. This was designed for pure C. W. transmission only, and employs the Radio Corporation Intermediate circuit. Three Radiotron 250-watt tubes are employed, connected in parallel, and used as oscillators; the filaments of these are controlled separately by large rheostats.

A very good view of these monstrous tubes can be had from the photograph reprinted herewith. Seven meters are situated on the upper portion of the panel, directly above the filament rheostat control knob. The top three are milliammeters, one of which is connected in the plate-circuit of each tube. The next two are thermo-coupled ammeters; one designating the radiation in amperes, the other being in the main circuit to the tubes. The lower of the left meters tells the exact voltage impressed upon the plates of the transmitting tubes, while the one to the right tells at a glance the voltage impressed upon the filaments. The current for both the plates and the filaments of the tubes is supplied by a motor-generator, which, unfortunately, cannot be seen in the photographs. This is an "Esco" machine of 2,000 R.P.M.

The generator for the filament current is coupled to one end of the motor shaft. This is a 750-watt machine and develops 11.5 volts. The 1,000 watt, 2,000-volt plate generator is coupled to the other end of the shaft of the motor. The entire motor-generator unit is mounted on a thick sponge rubber base, which effectively absorbs all vibrations. This transmitter employs a relay for making and breaking the circuit; this being operated by a small hand-key on the operating table. Mr. Inman points out a difficulty which he experienced when first oper-

ating this transmitter. Due to parasitic or stray oscillations impressed upon the grids of the transmitting tubes, they became incandescent and showed signs of melting. A decrease of power helped matters. This condition, however, was rectified by the use of two small 15-ohm resistance units, one being connected in the grid circuit of each tube. This not only happens with a circuit of this type, but, in fact, is a difficulty that numerous amateurs experience, due in some instances to nothing more than overloading the tubes. The resistance will improve matters in any case. There will be seen a small C.W. transmitting set on the extreme left of the shelf above the operating table. This set is rated as 20 watts, and a good deal of DX work has been accomplished with it.

The receiving equipment is rather elaborate, there being two Navy-type receivers and a universal receiver manufactured by the Collin B. Kennedy Co. Each set has a separate amplifier. The receiver to the left of the operating table is of a type that is very seldom seen, since there were but 13 of them manufactured. It was constructed for the Navy by the Wireless Improvement Co., primarily for radio compass work, and is so classified, it being known at the Bureau of Steam Engineeering as type WI-153. It has a wave-length range of from 150 to 1,000 meters. It was found to be very sharp in its tuning qualities, and has the advantage of but two controls, the other operations being incidental. The Navy receiver, to the right of the C.W. set, is a well known type because of the wonderful service it rendered during the war. Most of the Shipping Board vessels were equipped with this type. The two-stage amplifier is directly below. The Collin B. Kennedy "Universal" receiver, on the extreme right, has a wave-length range of from 150 to 25,000 meters. Mr. Inman uses this mostly for the reception of high-power arc station.

Any of the three receivers can be used at will by merely manipulating a plug and jack system on the operating table. For the reception of broadcast transmission and weak signals, the out-put of any of the three receiving sets can be run into a Western Electric loud talker which is situated on a third shelf not shown in the photograph.

This concludes the description of station 2BGM. It is needless to say that Mr. Inman has an elaborate and well-proportioned station. He has taken pains not only to give it the appearance of a commercial layout, but to place everything in a convenient position for operating conditions. This station at present is being moved to another room, where Mr. Inman expects to make conditions even more convenient by the increased amount of space that is to be available.

Station 2BRB

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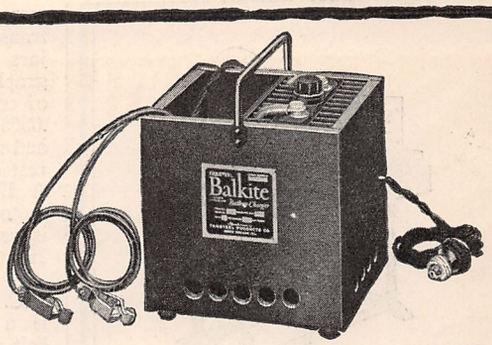
with a .00025 mfd. condenser. Regeneration is controlled by a .0005 condenser. A two-step amplifier and loud speaker made by attaching a cardboard horn to a Baldwin Phone constitute the rest of the receiver. 6XAD, an amateur in California, has been copied several times readable a few feet from phones. Broadcasting stations 1,000 miles distant are heard regularly.

Three transmitters are used—a 250-watt C.W.—I.C.W., a 50-watt C.W.—I.C.W. phone set and a ¼ K.W. spark. The 250-watt set is shown in the photograph. This set received a prize at the recent Second District Convention. 2,500 volts of Rectified A.C. are used on the plate. Two Thordarson 3,000-volt transformers and 120 rectifier jars supply the voltage. The fila-



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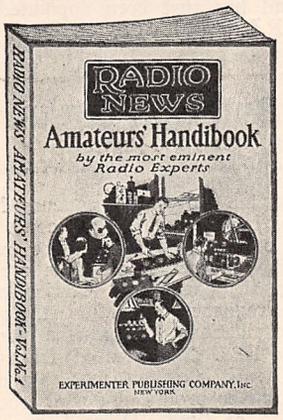

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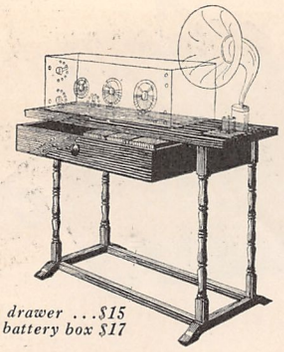

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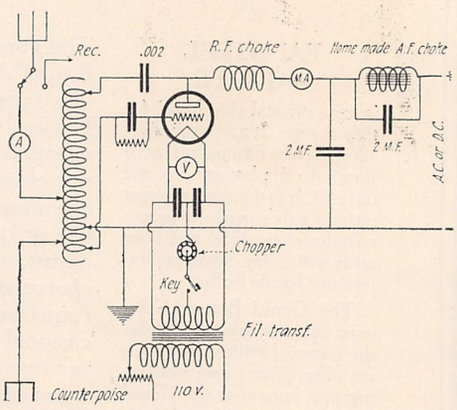

The Circuit Diagram of Mr. Glaser's Transmitter.

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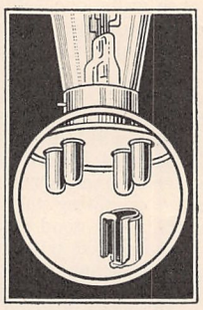

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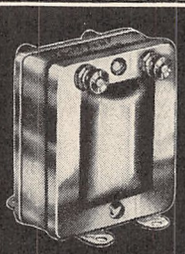

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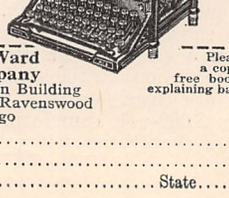

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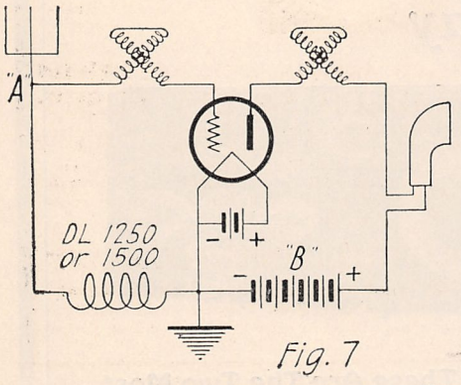

Circuit Diagram of the Autoplex Receiver. Note the Absence of Lump Capacities.

frequency components, the method by which they are received is classified under that just described.

As to the reception of CW signals. At zero beat there would be no response, as both original and locally produced oscillations are nullified. The only satisfactory explanation is that of "free heterodyning" by means of the carrier wave of another station. In other words the CW signal received is heterodyned before it reaches the receiving aerial. In this form it possesses a beat note of the audible frequency, and is equivalent to a radio-frequency carrier wave with an audio-frequency component.

The remainder of the theory is concerned with a second action which is only partially related to the first. Before taking this up, consideration is to be given to the final circuit design arrived at. This is shown in Fig. 7. It will be noted in this circuit that the capacity across the low frequency inductance has been eliminated and the capacity existing between an aerial and a ground, substituted. The filament resistance was eliminated as well, since at no period during the experiments with this circuit was a critical filament adjustment necessary. This circuit has proven superior to others outlined in this article, particularly in distance reception. The volume obtained seems to be about the same. Naturally the elimination of the low frequency inductance in the plate circuit raises the note of the variation frequency considerably. One of the most interesting subjects of the experiments with this circuit was the maintenance of the amplification effect using an inductance in the grid circuit having a value of only 30 millihenries. This, however, was only effective on the shorter wave-lengths but brought out two points. First: That no matter what the theory, the action of this circuit is undoubtedly based upon some phenomenon of beats. Second: That contrary to the original theory, signals do not seem necessarily to increase in volume as the lower wave-lengths are reached, but that a considerable increase of signal strength is obtained on the lower wave-lengths when using comparatively smaller oscillating inductances, or better said, a considerably higher variation frequency. As the wave-length was increased the signal

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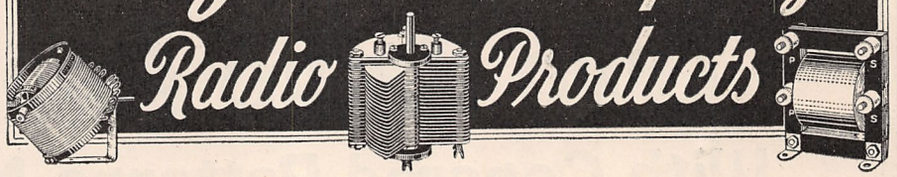

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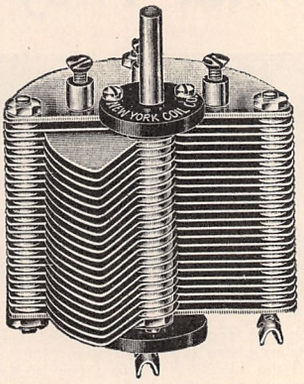

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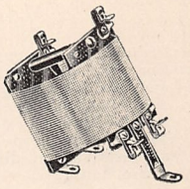

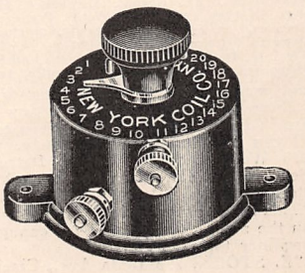

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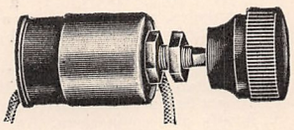

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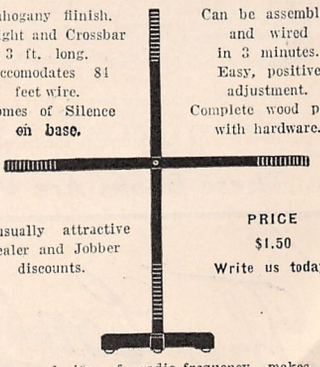

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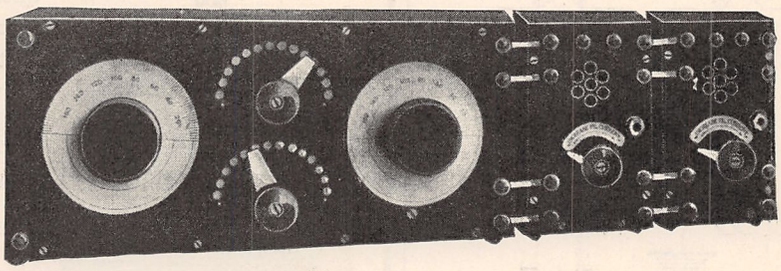

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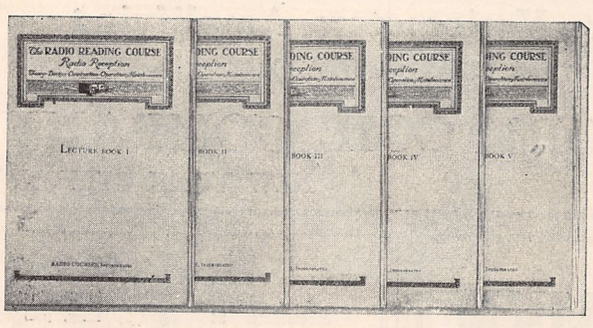

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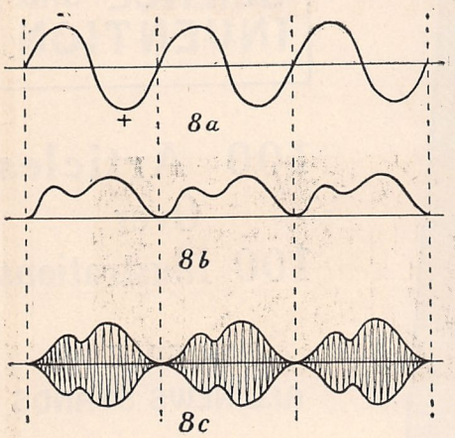

Illustrating the Super-Inducing of An Audible Signal Frequency Upon the Variation Frequency Oscillations.

being positive to negative variation. The effect of this impression is two-fold. In first: it tends, by choice of bias, to shift the locus of the tube action to a point on the characteristic curve where any voltage changes, such as those due to the impression of signal energy on the grid of the vacuum tube, will effectively displace the normal locus to a different position, thus producing considerable changes in the grid voltage, and produce large changes in the plate voltage and the variation of the plate current. In second: still further large changes in grid and plate voltage are obtained from the following presumed action. The low or audio frequency oscillations produced by the low frequency oscillator impressed upon the grid of the vacuum tube, are of a constant and uniform amplitude.

The impression of this audible frequency upon the grid of the tube, sets up a similar voltage and current variation in the plate-filament circuit of the receiver, which is heard in the telephones as the original frequency produced by the low frequency oscillator. So long as the low frequency oscillator produces these voltage variations, there will be a similar plate-filament current. These oscillations are illustrated in Fig 8A.

To further the action: upon the impression of a signal energy of a radio frequency upon the grid of the vacuum tube, it is converted in the manner heretofore described. The resultant audio-frequency current produced in the plate-filament circuit of the vacuum tube, illustrated in Fig. 8B, is at certain time periods super-imposed upon the audio frequency oscillations produced by the low frequency oscillator, which are traversing the grid-plate circuit in the course of their oscillation. The super-imposing takes place in the plate filament circuit, and tends to displace the constant audio frequency oscillations which take on the shape and character of the audible signal frequency, thus producing large changes in their amplitude. The effected audible frequency now has the character and identical shape of the resultant signal frequency produced in the plate-filament circuit. This formation is illustrated in Fig. 8C.

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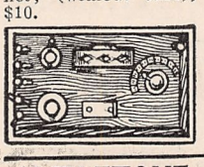

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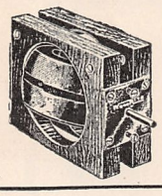

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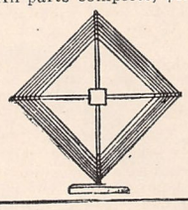

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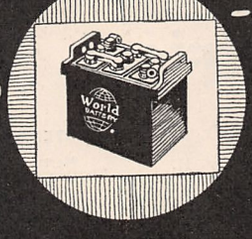

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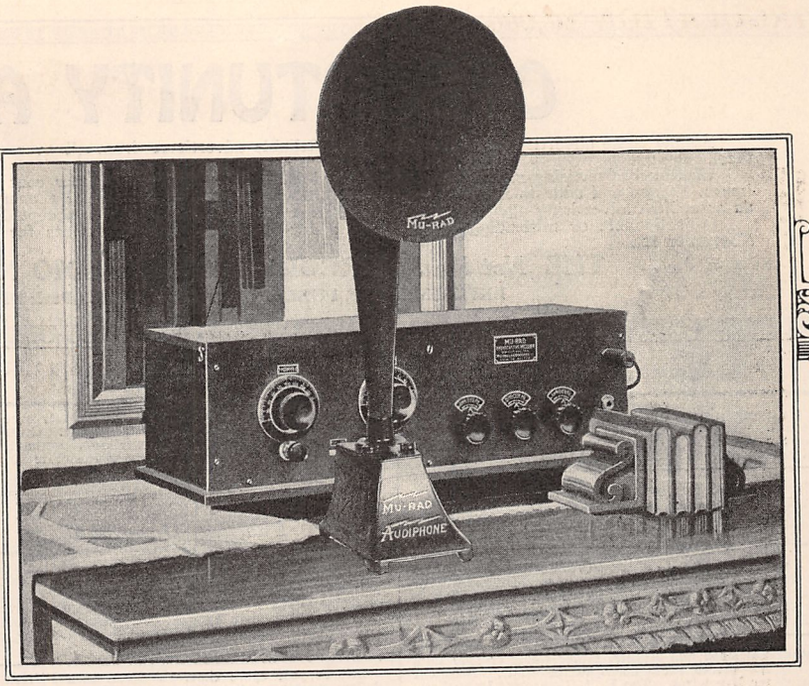

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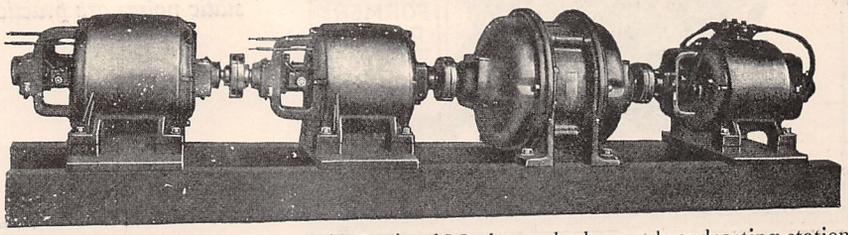

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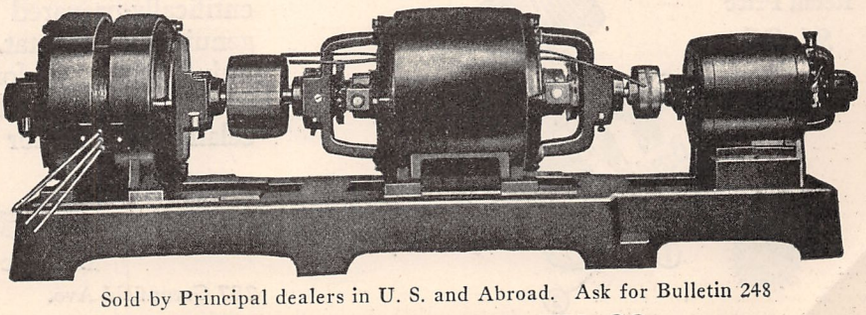

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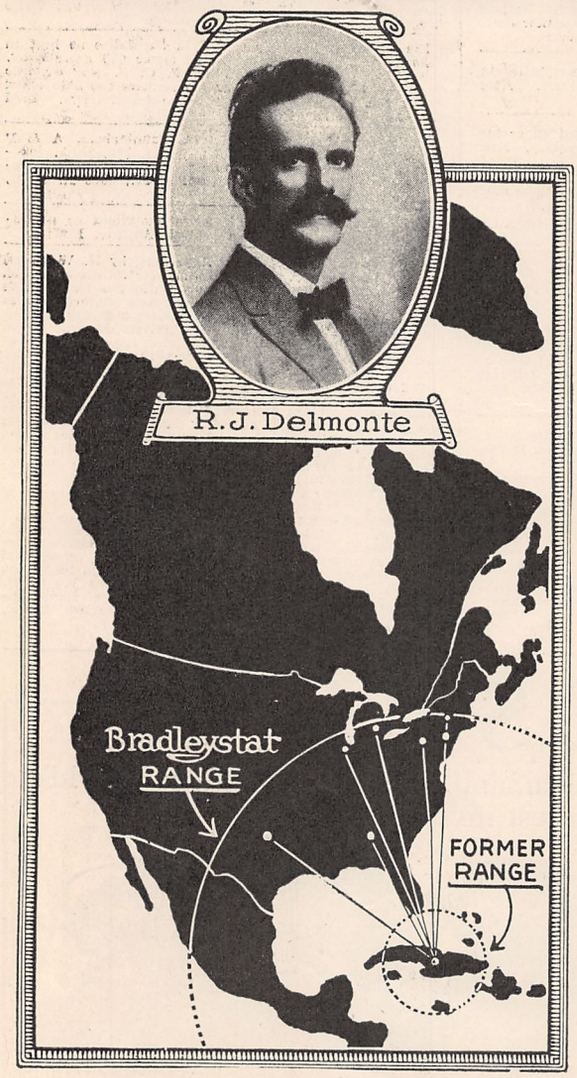

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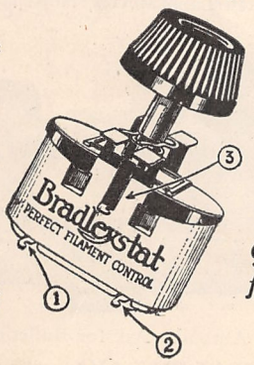

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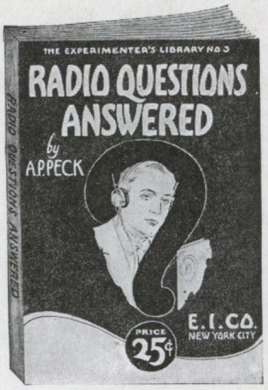

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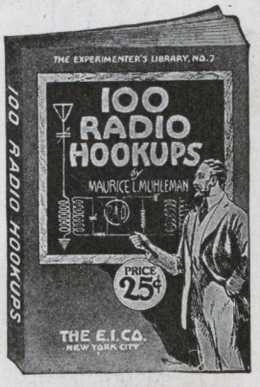

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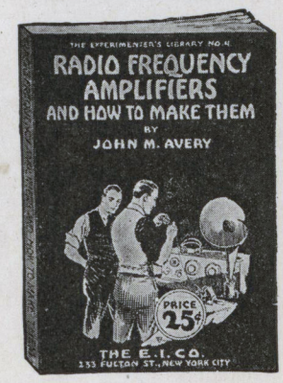

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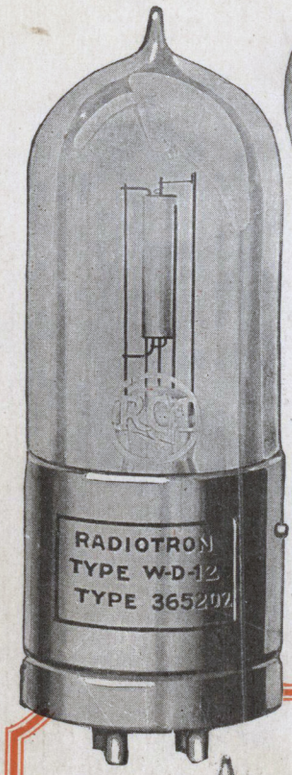

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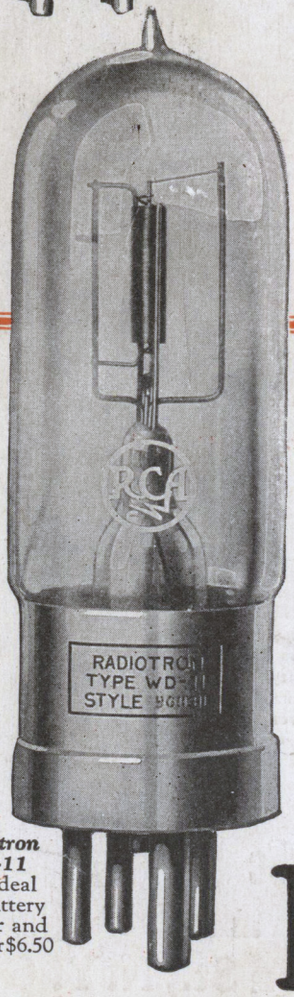

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